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DEPOSITS WITHOUT EXCEPTION

CHINA LIGHT CO.

AGREEMENT WITH GOVT. FOR NEW TERRITORIES

CAPITAL OUTLAY NEXT YEAR

That all new customers, without exception, will have to pay deposits was announced to-day at the tenth annual meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918), Ltd., held in the head office, St. George's Building. Interest at 4 per cent. will be paid on deposits of \$50 or more, it was added.

An agreement has been signed for the supply of current to the New Territories, shareholders were informed.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided. He was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mr. A. H. White, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Mr. A. H. Compton (director), Mr. N. Braga (secretary), Mr. C. Stradford (acting works manager). Shareholders present were Captain C. B. Riggs, Messrs. A. Keith, J. Toppin, A. A. Botelho, Tse Tsan-tai, A. L. Shields, H. Dreyer, Tang Hung-ka, John Dick.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors. The report and accounts were taken as read. The chairman then said:—

"The net amount, after payment of the Interim Dividend amounting to \$140,781.95 and including \$57,649.35 brought forward from last year, available for distribution is \$199,262.52, which we recommend be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. for the year \$141,685.00; and carry forward to next year's Account \$57,577.52; total \$199,262.52.

The working account shows a gross profit of \$530,941.25, against \$478,688.41 last year, an increase of over 10 per cent. Units sold during the year have risen by 11 per cent.

Distribution System: The expenditure has been heavy owing chiefly to the large amount of renewals to verandah mains, etc., which were in a faulty condition, and to the extension of our underground system; but the demand from the area under supply continues to grow, and will necessitate further expenditure in the current year to satisfy consumers' requirements.

Change of Voltage. This work is proceeding rapidly, and about 50 per cent. of the Tsim Tsui area is completed. In Yau-mat about 75 per cent. is finished, while at Kowloon City the area known as Kau Pui Shek has been changed over to the higher voltage. Several isolated places, including the North and of Kowloon Tong, have also been changed over, while over 900 fans and a large quantity of heating and cooking apparatus have been re-wound.

For the current year we estimate that Capital Expenditure on Land and Buildings, and on Distribution, Cables and Motor Departments, will amount to some \$300,000, and we expect to expend a further \$50,000 in connection with the Change of Voltage.

Consumers' Deposits

Show Room. This was finally closed at the end of February.

Consumers' Deposits. After careful consideration, the Directors have decided to collect cash deposits from all new consumers, without exception, but interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum is allowed on all deposits of \$50 or over.

With reference to the item of "Typhoon damage on plant not covered by insurance—\$5,659.54," this covers damage to properties which the insurance companies do not accept for insurance.

Altogether, Gentlemen, our prospects for the present year are good, and I may tell you that we are now on the eve of closing an agreement with the Hong Kong Government for the supply of electricity to the New Territories. We do not expect that this can prove a paying proposition right off, as the population of the New Territories is a scattered one; but we think that in time it will prove a profitable source of revenue.

There is nothing, I think, in the Accounts before you that requires any further consent from me, and I therefore beg to propose the following resolution:—

"That the Report and Ac-

AN UNRULY SOCCER CROWD

IN SHANGHAI

BAMBOO FENCE BROKEN AND FIELD RAIDED

MANY INJURIES

Shanghai, Yesterday.

An ugly incident marred the soccer match between the Shanghai (Shanghai Recreation Club) "Reas." and Loh Hwa, the strongest local Chinese eleven at the Stadium this afternoon.

An hour before play the crowd, estimated at 25,000—a record for Shanghai—packed the stands to capacity and the gates were closed. A large number, though refused admittance, were not turned away and then the Stadium officials summoned the police as the crowd took on an angry mood.

When the Loh Hwa players arrived the crowd stormed the gates. In the crush two Chinese women were seriously injured and between 30 to 50 slightly hurt.

Finding themselves locked out, a section of the crowd tore down the bamboo fence at the back of the Stadium and streamed on the field. The match eventually began and resulted in a scoreless game.

No foreigners were injured though a number helped to rescue children from being crushed.

Reuter.

THE SERVICES

AMENDED PROGRAMME FOR "BERWICK"

"KENT" AT SANDAKAN

The programme for H.M.S. "Berwick" has been amended. This, one of the five new cruisers, is to leave Hong Kong for Shanghai on Jan. 12, calling at Santu Inlet and Nimrod Sound en route.

H.M.S. "Kent," the flagship, arrived at Sandakan yesterday from Hong Kong.

H.M.S. "Sterling" and "Stormcloud," of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, arrived at Hong Kong from Shanghai yesterday.

H.M.S. "Suffolk" cruiser, arrived at Shanghai from Nanking on Saturday.

H.M.S. "Foxglove," a sloop, arrived at Wei-hai-wei from Chinwangtao on Saturday.

H.M.'s transport "Neuralia" left Hong Kong on Saturday for Shanghai.

WOMEN IN PLOT?

MANY ARRESTS AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, Yesterday.

Owing to rumours of the existence of a secret organisation against the Government the police have arrested a number of persons, mostly of the poorer classes. Several have been provisionally released but kept under observation. Nine were detained in custody including two Mohammedan women, sisters named Kadrieh, who are believed to be plotting against the life of Mustafa Kemal. One of them is stated to be the ex-wife of an Egyptian doctor.

Thirty-seven persons of the lower classes were arrested at Broussa but it is officially stated this is not connected with the arrests at Constantinople.—Reuter.

counts as presented to the Meeting be adopted and passed, and that a Final Dividend of 5 per cent. on the paid-up Capital of the Company be and is hereby declared in respect of the financial year ended September 30, 1928, and that the undivided profits of the Company amounting to \$198,262.52 less such Final Dividend, be carried forward to Profit & Loss Account for the financial year 1928/1929." Mr. A. H. Compton seconded. No question was asked and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Other Business

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. A. da Rosa as directors, proposed by Mr. A. Keith, seconded by Mr. Tang Hung-ka.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis as auditors for the current year, proposed by Captain C. B. Riggs, seconded by Mr. J. Toppin.

Dividend warrants can be obtained on application.

POLICE INSPECTOR MURDERED

SHOT BY A "FRIEND"

ENTICED TO CANTON SUBURB AT NIGHT

KILLED BY HIS OWN WEAPON

Mystery enshrouds the motive for the murder of an inspector of the special police guards in Canton, who was enticed to a lonely spot in the environs of the suburbs and shot down in cold blood.

The inspector was in charge of a station at Tai Ping south-road. On the morning of Dec. 21 a friend informed him that a gang of bad characters, including disbanded soldiers, had assembled at Nam-chuen, in Honam, that part of Canton on the south side of the Pearl River, opposite the city proper.

That night the inspector set out with his friend, lending the latter a firearm and a suit of uniform. Accompanying them were another friend of the inspector's and a subordinate.

Cherchez la Femme

After crossing the River, the party of four proceeded towards the spot indicated when, suddenly, the informer drew his pistol and fired point-blank at the inspector. The subordinate thereupon closed with the assailant and was, in turn, also fired at and seriously wounded.

The inspector succumbed to his wounds the next morning.

Inquiries were immediately set afoot by the "regular" Police who have arrested the "friend" on a charge of alleged murder and causing grievous injury, and also two men and a woman, the latter being suspected of being implicated in the affair.

CHRISTMAS

BIG RUSH OF HOLIDAY-MAKERS AT HOME

"UNPRECEDENTED STIR"

London, Yesterday.

Public relief at the improvement in the King's health was manifested by an unprecedented stir on the eve of the Christmas holidays.

The rush to the country came to a climax during the last two days when huge crowds left the principal London Stations. To give some idea of the rush eleven heavily laden expresses left King's Cross for Scotland yesterday night. The "Flying Scotsman" has been duplicated daily since Tuesday.

Fourteen main line trains from Euston had to be duplicated and the traffic to Ireland has been so heavy that extra boats had to be run in all services.

American Celebrations

New York, Dec. 21.

America is expected to celebrate Christmas, only even more so. In fact this is to be the most sumptuous Christmas on record.

Money is circulating like the Nile in flood. For Stock Exchange and Banking employees the share bonuses total over \$25,000,000 amounting in many cases to an additional year's salary.

The best mince meat and plum puddings are being made with brandy imported from England. Scotch whisky is obtainable clandestinely at fifty shillings a bottle and "champagne" manufactured in California at \$12 a bottle.

For Large Families in France

Paris, Dec. 21.

Large families in France will enjoy a happy Christmas as a result of the bequest by a childless millionaire of Cognac and his wife setting aside a large sum of which the interest is distributed annually.

The Academy has just announced that 290 beneficiaries are receiving \$30 to \$200 each. Most of the recipients consist of families of nine to fourteen children.—Reuter.

SHIPPING RATES

THE NEW YORK-HAVANA SERVICE "WAR"

SEQUEL TO CUNARD MOVE

New York, Yesterday.

Following the announcement of the Cunard Company's intention to put the steamer "Caronia" on the New York-Havana Service, the Shipping Board has put the steamer "President Roosevelt" on that route and the Ward Line has reduced their passenger rates by 25 per cent.—Reuter's American Service.

SALVATION ARMY

CONTROVERSY AS TO THE LEADERSHIP

New York, Dec. 22.

Miss Evangeline Booth, the prominent Salvationist, accompanied by her personal staff, secretly sailed under an assumed name to attend the High Council of the Army at Sunbury-on-Thames on January 8.

It is understood that the American delegation propose to appoint Miss Evangeline head of the Salvation Army in place of her brother, General Bramwell Booth.—Reuter's American Service.

[The High Council at Sunbury-on-Thames is to decide whether General Bramwell Booth, in view of his recent serious illness, is able to continue as head of the Army. There have been rumours of disension at Headquarters and of opposition to the further claims of the Booth family. Miss Evangeline Booth is the seventh child of the late General Booth, the founder of the "Army."]

PIRATE ON "TAI LEE" ARRESTED

HID IN A BIG BASKET

POINTED OUT BY AN OLD MAN FROM HONG-KONG

FLED AFTER HIDING HERE

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Pakkai, Kongsmoon, Saturday.

In an alleged confession to the local military authorities, a man is stated to have admitted being one of the notorious Ku Tau mountains pirates and that he and two companions fled from Hong Kong when they felt themselves to be in danger.

So it transpires, after all, that the cordon placed around the British a.s. "Tai Lee" on her arrival here from Hong Kong on the morning of Dec. 21, was not fruitless.

An old man, on boarding the "Tai Lee" at Hong Kong on Thursday evening, saw this outlaw leader and at once sent word to Pakkai.

Hid in a Basket

When the "Tai Lee" arrived here, police and other armed men were placed on duty at the gate to the wharf, examining all passengers disembarking.

At first it was gathered that no arrest was made. But one capture was effected subsequently, the man in custody having been found hidden in a big goods basket.

He was recognised by the old man, who states that he was robbed by the pirate and taken into captivity, during which he had many opportunities of making himself familiar with the pirate's appearance.

Two Others Missing

In reply to questions at local military headquarters, the captured man said that he had fled to Hong Kong after the Nationalist Army's grand assault on the outlaw stronghold of Ku Tau mountains. During the last few days he heard that his identity had been disclosed and, accordingly, sought sanctuary elsewhere, preferring to return to the interior of the Sze Yap districts rather than risk further ventures abroad.

He also said, according to the military, that two companions left Hong Kong with him on the "Tai Lee" and is unable to account for their escape despite the precautions exercised at Pakkai on receipt of the news from Hong Kong.

[For earlier news, see page 3]

FINE WEATHER

N. E. to N. winds, fresh, fine to cloudy, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

TWO WEDDINGS

SOLEMNIZED AT UNION CHURCH

MISSIONARY MARRIED

The Union Church, Kennedy-road, was the scene of two pretty weddings this morning.

The contracting parties in the first were the Rev. M. Marsden and Miss Elsie Bottomley. Mr. Marsden is of the London Missionary Society, and Miss Bottomley had just arrived here from England. The reception was held at No. 6 Bonham-road.

Later Mr. Phillip Gillispie was united to Miss Christina Miller Gill, there being quite a number of friends present at the church. The bride and bridegroom and wedding party proceeded by cars to No. 123 Wong-nei-cheong-road, where the reception was held.

The bridegroom is a warder of the Hong Kong Victoria Goal and Miss Gill arrived in the Colony yesterday by the P. and O. s.s. "Kalyan." The Rev. F. C. Young officiated at both weddings.

GIVING THEM BACK

NATIONALIST ARMY AND THE RAILWAYS

ECHO OF GREAT RETREAT

Nanking, Yesterday.

Mr. Sun Fo (Ministry for Railways) received a cable from General Pei Chung-hsi stating that the latter is returning the rolling-stock belonging to various railways which have been used for military transportation. The quantities are:—

Lines	Loco-motives	Cars
Peking-Mukden Railway	17	251
Peking-Hankow Railway	6	135
Tientsin-Pukow Railway	1	25*

(freight cars). —Reuter.

[Note: General Pei is one of the Kwangsi military group. He led the expedition against the Northern remnants. The locomotive and cars were removed by the Northerners and Manchurians in their great retreat.]

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Washington, Saturday.

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\$2,000,000 ESTATE IN HONG KONG

HUMBLE ORIGIN

MR. CHAN SHEK-SHAN'S SON AN EXECUTOR

MONEY MADE IN SHIPPING

How a fortune of over two million dollars was built up by the business sagacity of a Hong Kong Chinese of humble origin is recalled by the granting of double probate to one of his sons.

Mr. Chan Shek-shan died on Dec. 16, 1924 at No. 33, Connaught-road Central. Probate was granted by the Supreme Court on May 28, 1925 to Chan Leung Shi (widow), Chan Ho Shi (concubine), both of No. 33, Connaught-road Central, and Mr. M. K. Lo, solicitor, Alexandra-building.

The estate was then valued at \$2,067,300, consisting mostly of moneys on mortgage, and partly of property and shares.

Power was reserved for granting probate to four sons as executors, on attaining the age of 21. These were Chan Kam-yung, Chan Wing-yung, Chan Chiu-yung and Chan Cham-yung.

Half Administered

On Dec. 20, 1928, double probate was granted to Mr. Chan Kam-yung, the eldest of the four sons. The unadministered estate was then valued at \$917,412.39, that is to say, about half of the estate had been dealt with in accordance with the will which provided for a number of family bequests, etc.

The deceased, Mr. Chan Shek-shan, was interested in a large way in the business of stevedoring, shipping and transport of goods ashore and afloat. He rested his savings in property, mortgages and built up a huge fortune.

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A REBELLION

TROOPS AND AIRMEN IN PURSUIT

DOST MOHAMMED'S LAPSE

Basrah, Yesterday.

Serious news is to hand of a rebellion, led by Dost Mohammed, a notorious tribal leader in the Persian Baluchistan States.

Troops and two aeroplanes from Kerman and Meshed are pursuing the rebels across the Great Desert. Dost is alleged to have poisoned all the wells to a point 120 miles south-east of Kerman.—Reuter.

OFF BY AEROPLANE

WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT KABUL

160 MILES' JOURNEY

London, Yesterday.

All the women and children from the British Legation at Kabul were safely evacuated to-day by British aeroplane to Peshawar.

A Victoria aeroplane landed with the consent of the Afghan Government at Sherpur aerodrome, two miles from the legation. It took off at 10 o'clock this morning, with the women and children and reached Peshawar safely at 11.30, having covered the distance of 160 miles in an hour-and-a-half.

The women and children numbered twenty, and included Lady Humphreys, wife of the British Minister at Kabul Mrs. Gould and two children, Mrs. Stranger and child, Miss Pulford, the wives and children of Indian officials and Indian maid servants.

None was the worse for the air voyage.—British Wireless Service.

The Court

New Delhi, Yesterday.

The official version of the state of affairs in Afghanistan is that the Afghan Court has removed to Kandahar for the present. It is impossible to tell what kind of Government exists, though it is practically certain that King Amanullah is in no wise "down and out." On the contrary he is engaged recruiting support for his Kandahar party.

The women and children from the legation numbered twenty and were brought back in a troop-carrying plane and four other aeroplanes; not in an airship.

Later.

The report that Amanullah has transferred his Court to Kandahara are not generally accepted in Peshawar, though it is believed the Queen and Queen Mother may have gone to Kandahara.

British Legation in Danger

It is now known that the opening of the road for the British Legation to the aerodrome, which enabled the women and children to be rescued by aeroplane, was due to the Government forces driving back the rebels for some distance.

Prior to this success the Legation was continually endangered and caught between the fires of the Afghan troops and levies on the one side and the rebels on the other. The danger to those in the Legation is shown by the fact that the house of the military attache was destroyed by shell fire.—Reuter.

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The effect of the King's illness on the Christmas celebrations is known to have been a matter of deep concern to His Majesty and the Queen. It is learnt from a source competent to reflect the Queen's views on this matter that Her Majesty has expressed the hope that her example in fulfilling her private and public engagements will be followed. It is her desire that the customary observances and celebrations at Christmas should be carried out wherever reasonably possible.

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Canada's Loyalty

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KING GRADUALLY GETTING STRONGER

"VERY, VERY SLOWLY"

HIS DOCTORS MORE HOPEFUL OF FAVOURABLE TURN

PASSING OUT OF DANGER

London, Yesterday, 8 p.m.

A British wireless message states:—

"In accordance with the statement made in last night's bulletin, no bulletin regarding H.M. the King was issued this morning.

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Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1928.

STANDARD TIME.**SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG**

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for December, 1928, (standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), is as follows:—

Dec.	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.46
26	7.01	5.47
27	7.01	5.47
28	7.02	5.48
29	7.02	5.48
30	7.02	5.49
31	7.03	5.49

LEFT HONG KONG**SZE YAP BANDITS ON "TAI LEE" VICTIM MAKES REPORT.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Friday. Information was received by the local authorities early this morning to the effect that several notorious pirate leaders were on board the British river steamer "Tai Lee," then due to arrive with passengers and cargo from Hong Kong, whence she sailed overnight.

Sze Yap Untenable. It subsequently transpired that a well-known bandit chieftain was observed by a man, who had formerly been victimised by that bandit, to board the ship at Hong Kong on Thursday evening.

Word was sent to Kongmoon, hence the precautions taken by the local authorities. From inquiries made here, it is gathered that several robbers—pirates and bandits, finding their hiding places in the Sze Yap districts untenable, had gone to ground in Hong Kong.

Became Alarmed. In Hong Kong, however, they heard that they were being sought. One report received here goes so far as to say that the identities of this batch of men were known and that they would have been caught had they stayed a few days longer in Hong Kong. Latest information indicates that these outlaws did become alarmed and had intended to take passage on the "Tai Lee" to return to the Sze Yap, but changed their plans at the last minute and, accordingly, did not sail on the "Tai Lee," hence the fruitless search here this morning. [See page 1 for later developments.]

CAPTIVES DUG OUT**Victims of Ku Tau Mountains in Starvation**

The grand assault by a division of the Nationalist Army, supported by local Volunteer Guards, on the Ku Tau mountains, an almost impenetrable stronghold held by robbers for several decades, has already been described in the "China Mail." Although the bandits and pirates have been routed and put to flight, the troops are still engaged in clearing up the hilly country, digging out batches of five or so men held in nooks and corners for months in captivity by the robbers who demanded ransom. Most of these liberated unfortunate men are on the verge of starvation. They have all been sent to Kongmoon to await the arrival of relatives prior to repatriation.

\$300,000 FIRE**Boats at Kongmoon Hemmed in by Rafts**

Fire broke out at 1 a.m. on Dec. 19 in Kongmoon city, near the Kongmoon Theatre. More than forty houses were gutted. The blaze spread to craft on the River, which could not get away from the waterfront because of obstruction by rafts of wood placed in the stream. The loss is placed at over \$300,000. The theatre was not involved.

AT MT. AUSTIN**SOLDIERS HAVE CABARET SHOW**

A cabaret show was given at the Mount Austin Cinema on Friday, the hall being specially decorated. A novel turn was supplied by Pte. Merignac who accompanied two mouth organ players with spoons. This feat was so appreciated that after the Company had given their "finale," he once again entertained by special request.

During the evening Major E. G. Miles, D.S.O., M.C., who is "A" Company's Commander, took an opportunity of thanking C.S.M. R. Johnson and artists for organising and carrying out the show.

The "Jazz Jocks" supplied the dance music. A feature of the evening was the Exhibition Broad-swords by Ptes. Skinner, MacCormac, Smith and Malcolm, followed by an encore Sword Dance by Pte. Skinner.

Prizes for the Spot Waltz were won by Mrs. Burton and Pte. Cuthbert.

RABIES**MR. BRAGA AND SANITARY BOARD**

At next Thursday's meeting of the Sanitary Board Mr. J. P. Braga, will ask:—

How long is it since the last case of rabies was officially reported to the Sanitary Department as occurring in the Colony? Have any dogs suspected of the disease been proved to be rabid?

TO-DAY'S RADIO**BROADCAST BY G.O.W. ON 300 METRES**

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Uncle Tom, Private Secretary to Santa Claus has an hour with the kiddies.
7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme (Victor and Columbia).
"Christmas Overture"—B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
"The Dove" and "The Wren"—Calli-Curci.

"Drowsy Waters" and "Hawaiian March"—Hawaiian Guitars.
"Humoresque" and "A Dream"—Jesse Crawford.

"My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue" and "Twilight"—Maria Jeritza.

"Spanish Dance" and "Vito"—Pablo Cassals—Vigilante.

"Loves Return" and "Homing Swallows"—Beniamino Gigli—Tenor.

"Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" and "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes"—Lawrence Tibbett.

"Farewell To Thee" and "Nightingale Song"—Hulda Lashankaka—Soprano.

"Lady Mary" Selections—Mayfair Orchestra.

"Forza Del Destino," Finale Act 4—Ponselle, Martinielli, Pinza.

"Martha" Selections—Coldstream Guards Band.

"That's A Good Girl" Selections—Dehroy Somers Band.

British Official Wireless Press. Christmas Carols by the B.B.C. Choir.

(1) "Good King Wenceslas."
(2) "The First Noel."
(3) "While Shepherds Watched."
(4) "Hark The Herald Angels Sing."

(5) "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name."
(6) "Once In Royal David's City."
(7) "O God Our Help In Ages Past."

God Save The King.
Close Down.

RUBBER**CONSUMPTION TO EXCEED OUTPUT?**

Cabled advice from London is to the effect that figures prepared there by reliable parties indicate that, if American consumption is maintained at around that achieved for the past three months, the world's consumption during 1929 will exceed the world's production by some 60,000 tons.

It must be admitted that such forecasts are extremely difficult to make with any degree of accuracy, but it is certainly very much more pleasant to find on all sides such or similar optimistic opinions. More enquiries have set in the Rubber Share Market.

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Sungei Way		5 % Final.

WORKING LOSS**SANDAKAN'S ANNUAL STATEMENT**

The annual report of the Sandakan Light and Power Company (1922), Limited, for presentation to the shareholders at the sixth ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Hong Kong, on Saturday, December 29, 1928, states that profit on working account, after deducting general managers' commission, is \$30,301.15, but after charging consulting committee's and auditors' fees, providing for sinking fund to replace value of concession, and writing off depreciation on plant, buildings, equipment, etc., there is a net loss of \$5,639.54. This amount, transferred to general profit & loss account, makes the balance at debit of that account \$72,935.56.

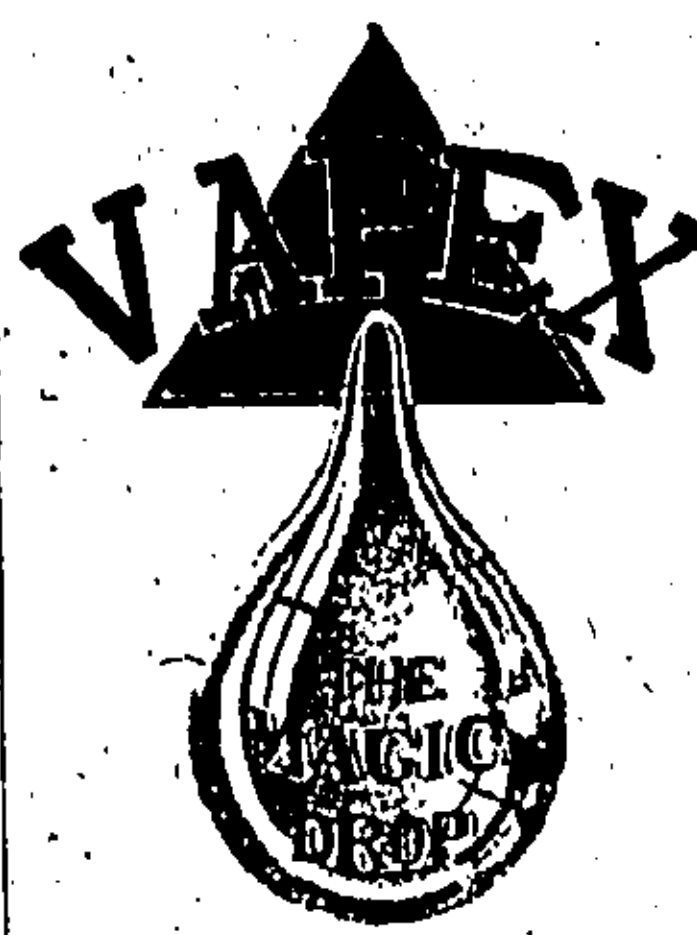
In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. C. A. da Rosa and Mr. J. P. Braga retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The wedding of Mr. Loh Mun-pai, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Loh-chin, to Miss Lee Swei-kum, daughter of Dato and Mrs. Lee Kong-lam, took place recently at "Sentosa," Kuala Lumpur.

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NEW YORK via PANAMA.	
TAKAOKA MARU	Monday, 31st December.
TATSUNO MARU	Saturday, 10th January.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.	
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MONTEVIDEO MARU	Friday, 8th February, 1929.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SIUNO MARU	Thursday, 3rd January.
SHINYO MARU	Monday, 7th January.
CHIFUKU MARU	Saturday, 19th January, 1929.
DURBAN, LOURENÇO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEXICO MARU	Sunday, 5th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
TACOMA MARU	Monday, 31st December.
BOERNE MARU	Friday, 18th January, 1929.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From Shanghai.	
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
BURMA MARU	Saturday, 5th January.
SAIGON	
HAIPHONG—Via Hobei	
MINATO MARU	Thursday, 3rd January 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAYAMA MARU	Sunday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS	
HAYAMA MARU	Sunday, 6th January.
KASADA MARU	Thursday, 10th January, 1929.
SUMATRA MARU	Sunday, 13th January, 1929.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
HOVAN MARU	Sunday, 30th December Noon.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 6th January Noon.
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Messrs. H. Hogarth and Sons, Glasgow, have placed orders for six cargo steamers, each of about 6,180 tons deadweight, with Clyde builders. Two will be built and engaged by Messrs. David and William Henderson and Co., Ltd., Partick; two will be built by Messrs. Lithgows, Limited, Port Glasgow; one by Messrs. Napier and Miller, Ltd., Old Kilpatrick; and one by Ardrossan Dockyard, Ltd., Ardrossan. The machinery for the vessels to be built at Port Glasgow, Old Kilpatrick, and Ardrossan will be provided by Messrs. John G. Kincaid and Co., Ltd., Greenock, and Messrs. David Rowan & Co., Ltd., Glasgow—two sets by each firm. It will consist in each case of triple-expansion reciprocating engines.

Messrs. John Readhead and Sons, South Shields, are stated to have just secured a contract for the construction of two cargo steamers of moderate size for Messrs. Strick and Co., London. It is stated that inquiries are in circulation on the North-East Coast for other tonnage, and that shipbuilding prospects are brighter than they have been for some considerable time.

A steamer of about 9,000 tons deadweight, which is being built by Messrs. Wm. Hamilton and Co., Ltd., Port Glasgow, has been bought by Messrs. Douglas and Ramsay, Glasgow. The engines will be supplied by Messrs. D. Rowan and Co., Ltd., Glasgow.

MERSEY DOCKS

Mr. A. W. Bibby, presiding over a meeting of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, announced that the following members would retire: Messrs. J. G. B. Benzley, J. F. Carey, E. Cook, W. S. Crichton, E. Gardner, and H. L. Roxburgh.

SUEZ CANAL

LORD INCHCAPE'S ESTIMATE

DUES TO BE REDUCED

London—The Marquis de Vogüe, president of the Suez Canal Company, was entertained by the Anglo-French Luncheon Club at Prince's Restaurant.

Lord Inchcape presided, and proposed the health of the guest, and said he was always approachable, always courteous, beloved by his colleagues and staff. His work of maintenance and improvement of the canal in order to expedite the transit of ships which increased in size every year had succeeded to such a marvellous degree that no word of complaint from ship commanders was ever heard.

The Marquis de Vogüe said the happy relationship existing between Great Britain and France in the management of the Suez Canal meant not only efficiency in business management, but was also a contribution to the good of the commercial world.

Viscount Churchill proposed the health of the chairman.

Lord Inchcape, responding, said:—Before we part I should like to thank the president of the Suez Canal Company for the reduction in dues which we are to receive from January 1, next. You, my dear Victor, turning to Lord Churchill will be glad to hear that they amount to the very large sum of 1 sou per ton. (Laughter.) I had a calculation made before I came here, and I think we shall probably save something like £2 1s. 6d. or £2 6s. on every ship that goes through the canal.

On and from January 1, 1929 for payments tendered in London or Paris the rates of exchange which had been temporarily accepted since the war will be replaced by the following rates, namely:—21 sterling=25.275 gold francs; one French franc=0.2035 gold franc. Correlatively, on and from the same date the rate for transit dues will be lowered from 7 gold francs to gold francs for loaded ships and from 4.50 gold francs to 4.40 gold francs for ships in ballast. The gold francs in question are as defined by the French Monetary Law of the 7th germinal, year XI.

WHITE STAR

CRUISE PROGRAMME FOR 1929

During the forthcoming season, White Star Line steamers will make six cruises through the Mediterranean. The "Adriatic," which leaves New York on January 10 next, will call at Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Athens, Chania, Kalis, Constantinople, Haifa, Alexandria and Syracuse; the passage of the Dardanelles will be made by daylight, and time will be allowed for visits to places of interest in Egypt and the Holy Land. Shore excursions will be arranged at all ports of call. The "Laurentie," leaving New York on January 19, will follow a similar itinerary, and the two steamers will each make a second cruise beginning at New York on February 28 and March 9 respectively. These two steamers will carry, in addition to first class, tourist third cabin passengers, thus placing the possibility of a Mediterranean cruise within the reach of many who would hardly be prepared to pay the higher fare. The tourist third cabin accommodation is new, and possesses attractions which but a little while ago were unknown except in the higher classes. There are reading and writing rooms, smoking rooms, lounges, and spacious promenade decks, whilst the cuisine is excellent. Passengers may book for the whole cruise or between any of the various ports of call.

The "Homerio," under the auspices of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, will make a cruise to the Mediterranean, beginning at New York on January 26, and the "Calgarie," under the auspices of the James Boring Travel Service, will carry out a similar voyage from the same port on February 14. Before fulfilling her engagement in the Mediterranean, the White Star Line has arranged for the "Calgarie" to make a cruise to the West Indies, starting from New York on January 24, and calling at Havana, Matanzas, Santiago, Port Antonio, Kingston, Colon, Port-au-Prince and Nassau.

During the course of their cruises the four ships will, together, steam 80,000 miles.

LOCAL SHIPPING

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Hop Sang (1,369) British, from Tsingtao, Swatow—J. M.—667 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,320 tons (through).

Hector (6,841) British, from Dalny, Shanghai—B. & S.—29 passengers, 3 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 8,336 tons (through).

Kalyan (6,679) British, from Rotterdam, Singapore—MacMackinnon—35 passengers, 200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,000 tons (through).

President Pierce (8,398) American, from Manila—Dollar Line—60 passengers, 354 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,832 tons (through).

Taiposek (1,219) French, from Fort Bayard—Shun Cheong—93 passengers, 550 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Huang Hoi (602) French, from Fort Bayard—Hoi Hing Cheung—22 passengers, 220 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tonjer (1,949) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao, Canton—Dodwell & Co.

Svale (1,354) Norwegian, from Singapore—Lee Fat—769 passengers, 600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Corona (1,952) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao—3,058 tons coal, 35 tons glass for Hong Kong, 1,500 tons coal, 150 tons glass (through).

Tjisarvea (7,089) Dutch, from Shanghai, Amoy—J. C. J. L.—347 passengers, 49 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,310 tons (through).

Taisei Maru (1,868) Japanese, from Samarinda—M. B. K.—2,133 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,040 tons coal (through).

Seattle Maru (3,622) Japanese, from Calcutta, Singapore—O. S. K.—5,789 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,068 tons (through), 7 passengers.

Shinko Maru (1,891) Japanese, from Keelung—M. B. K.—2,090 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing Co.—20 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autow—Fook Hoi Co.—96 passengers, 12 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Autow—Tak Hing.
For Canton—Deli Maru, Yun-nan, Times Maru.

For Manila—Pennsylvania.
For Shanghai—Ying Chow.
For Swatow—Hyanangee, Canton Maru, Hiram, Kaying.

For Macao—Lee Cheung.
For Hongkong—Apsey, Shun Chih.
For Amoy—Antung.
For K. C. Wan—Tin Sze, Poo Tye.

For Kwong Yuan—Amagisan Maru.

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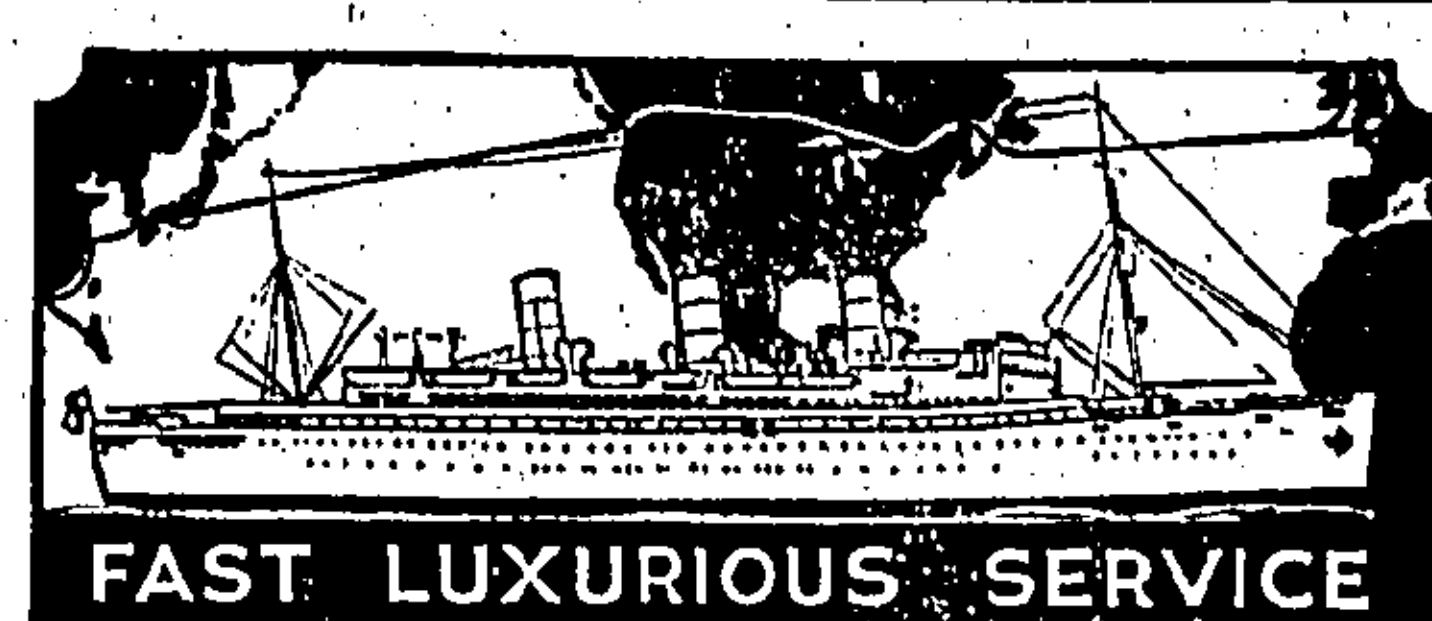
For Halphong—Francis Garnier.

Arrivals Departures

British	3	4
American	1	1
French	2	0
Norwegian	3	1
Dutch	1	0
Japanese	3	4
Chinese	2	6
	15	16

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The M.V. s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Nov. 15, and is due here to-day.



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SUN. 13th MON. 28th

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COAL EXPORT

The sharp recovery in coal exports during October, when examined in the light of comparative figures, must be very encouraging to the coal trade. As a matter of fact, the October shipments at 4,629,923 tons are indisputably the best of the year. The next best was in May, when the record was 4,457,032 tons; most of the other months have been just over or just under 4,000,000 tons. October has overtopped four and a half million tons by 129,000 tons. The value, too, at £23,620,240, is also the best figure of the year, exceeding that recorded for May by £120,000, and representing an average f.o.b. export price per ton of 15s. 8d., which compares with 15s. 4d. for September and 15s. 6d. for August. The bunker coal shipments for October, though good, just fall short of the best of the year, being exceeded by May, when 1,453,881 tons were shipped; as compared with 1,441,454 tons last month. The bunker shipments have kept wonderfully steady throughout the year at between a little over 1,300,000 tons minimum and 1,450,000 tons maximum, never once falling below the former figure, and of late months showing a rather marked tendency towards the latter figure. It is apparent that whatever advance is being made in oil fueling is not notably at the expense of coal, which as a bunkering material is well holding its own.

The B.I. s.s. "Talamba" will leave Amoy for this port this afternoon, and is due here to-morrow afternoon.

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KALYAN	9,141	19th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
*ALIPORE	5,273	24th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MOREA	10,952	2nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KASHGAR	9,005	16th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
MACE DONIA	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, R'dam & Hamburg.
*PADUA	5,907	9th Mar.	

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SANTHIA	7,764	26th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,006	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKIWA	7,936	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,956	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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ARAFURA	6,000	1st Feb.	
TANDA	6,956	1st Mar.	

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KALYAN	9,144	24th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
		4 P.M.	
•ALIFORE	5,273	1st Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
SANTHIA	7,764	2nd Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
MOREA	10,952	4th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
•KIDDERPORE	5,334	7th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
ARAFURA	6,000	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	14th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
•PADUA	5,907	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKIWA	7,936	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,956	28th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MACE DONIA	11,120	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

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Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division 21,185;
King's College Division 19,782;
Railway Division 2,232; Indian Division 2,101; Kowloon Division 47,768; Mongkok Division 48,118; Shaikwan Division 6,617; Un Long 705; St. Joseph's College Division 5,992; Victoria Nursing Division 452; Y.M.C.A. Nursing Division 319; Grand Total 154,276.

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INSTRUCTIONS

The Harbour Master, Comdr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., in issuing a notice to mariners, states that the Medical Officer of the Consulate General of the United States of America has published for information to masters, owners and agents of vessels and others concerned, the following on the subject of the outbreak of small-pox in the Colony.

"This office is in receipt of cable instructions from the chief quarantine officer at Manila requiring vaccination of all passengers embarking at Hong Kong and bound for the Philippine Islands. Accordingly, effective to-day (signed December 12, 1928) and until further notice, this office will require at time of the usual medical inspection on board ship before departure, to muster all cabin and steerage passengers and they must show authoritative proof of vaccination. Vaccination certificates issued within one year will be accepted. The above will also include all members of the crew signed on at Hong Kong."

CHOLERA'S CALL

MANY VICTIMS IN
INDIA

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Dec. 15 is as follows:—

Plague: Bombay, 1 death; Colombo, 2 cases, 2 deaths; Pnom Penh, 1 case, 1 death; Baghdad, 1 case. Four infected rats were found in Bombay.

Cholera: Calcutta, 27 deaths; Madras, 6 deaths; Pondicherry, 3 deaths; Bangkok, 4 cases, 4 deaths; Pnom Penh, 1 case, 1 death.

Small-pox: Basrah, 4 cases, 3 deaths; Bombay, 6 cases, 2 deaths; Calcutta, 4 cases, 2 deaths; Madras, 9 cases; Moulemein, 1 case; Negapatam, 5 cases, 2 deaths; Rangoon, 1 case; Belawan Deli, 3 cases, 1 death; Samarinda, 8 cases; Sourabaya, 1 case; Pnom Penh, 8 cases, 3 deaths; Shanghai, 9 deaths; Canton, 9 cases; Baghdad, 6 cases, 5 deaths.

SURG. LT. H. J. SCOTT, R.N.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The body of Surgeon Lieutenant H. J. Scott, M.B., R.N., of H.M.S. "Cricket" of the Yangtze Flotilla (who had not been seen since he left the Palace Cafe in the French Concession at Shanghai at 4 a.m. on Dec. 14) has been found.

It was recovered from the Whangpoo River near the Nanking road jetty. There were no signs of foul play and it is considered probable that he fell in while searching for a sampan and was drowned.—Reuter.

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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	HOPSHING	Sat., 29th Dec. at 4 p.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	YATSHING	Wed., 2nd Jan. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun., 6th Jan. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	SUISANG	Wed., 20th Dec. at Noon
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Sun., 30th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Sat., 5th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Wed., 9th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 11th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Fri., 18th Jan. at 3 p.m.
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OWNER AND TAX

CASE NOT TO BE
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It is understood that following the announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons, that it was not proposed to proceed with criminal proceedings against Sir Walter Cockleline in connection with income tax returns; the case will be formally brought up at the Assizes, when a *nolle prosequi* is expected to be entered by the Attorney-General.
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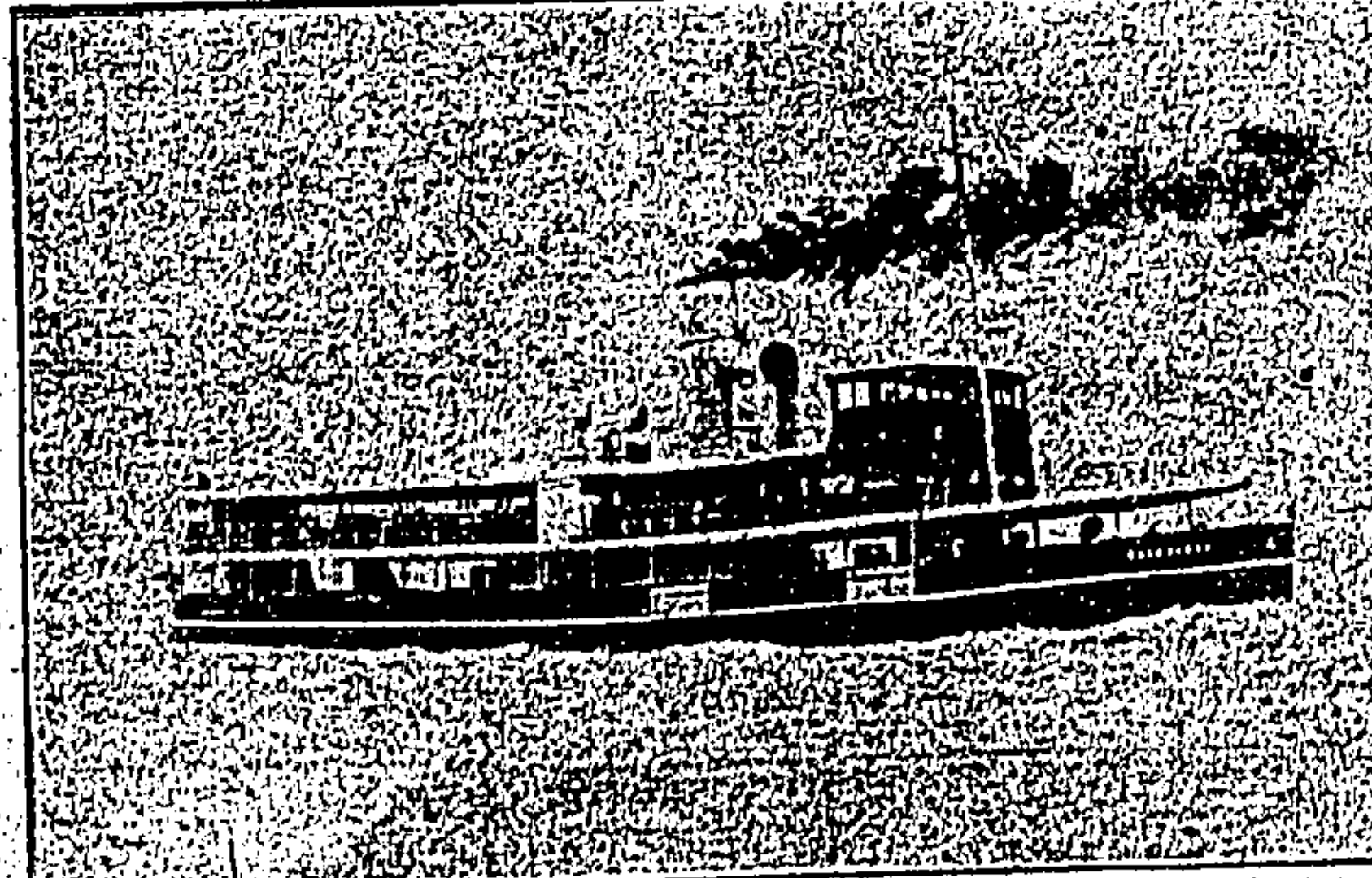
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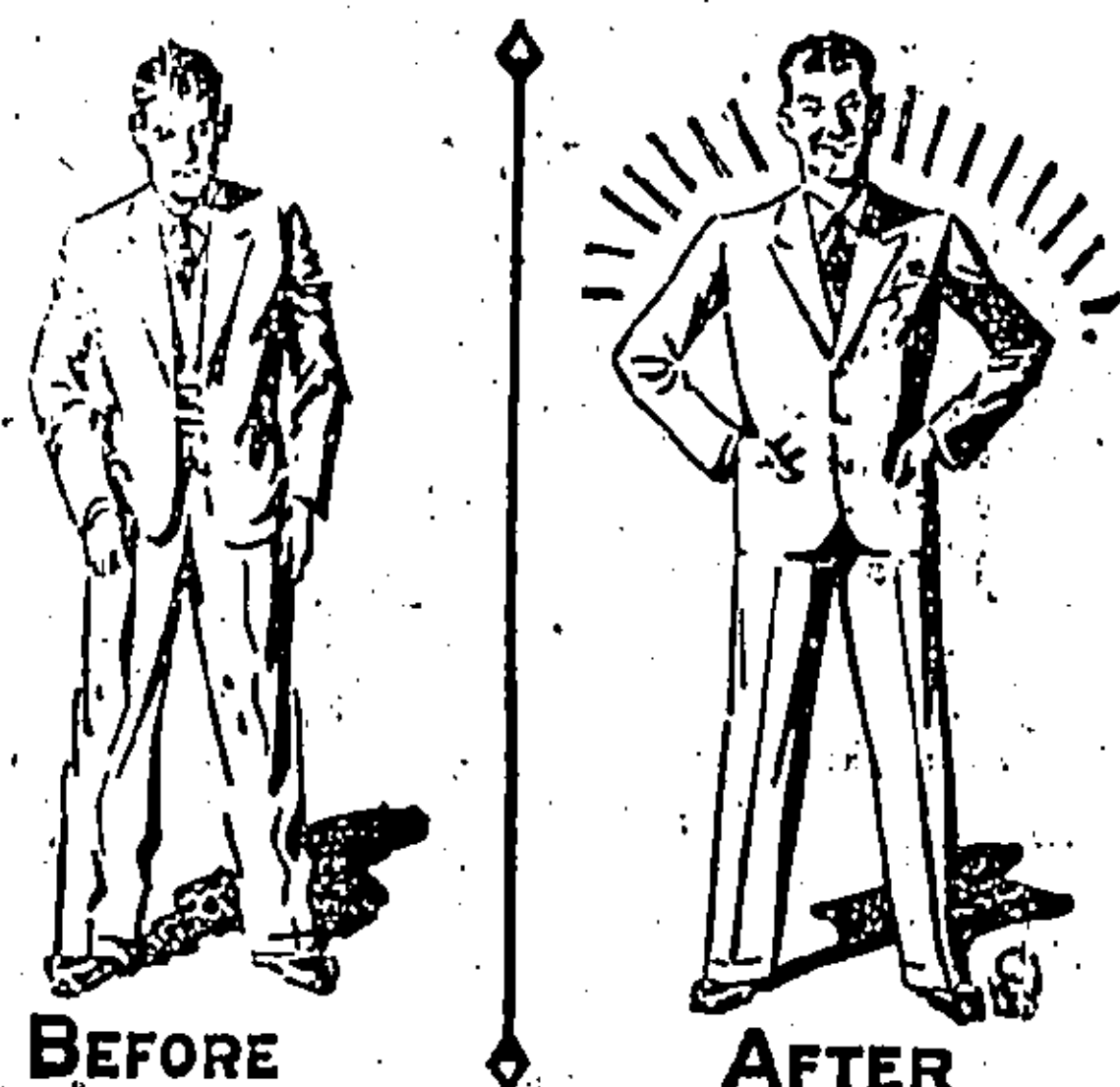
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ON CHRISTMAS EVE

In England it was Dickens, we believe, who chiefly gave to Christmastide its sweetly sentimental atmosphere—the "Xmas card atmosphere"—lots of snow, big blazing hearths, a rather lively jollity, parties and, of course, kindly charitable acts and a display of good-fellowship, Xmas boxes, crackers and all that sort of thing. Pre-Victorian England was wont to make of Christmas a more serious festival in which the religious element predominated. It perhaps was none the less "merrie," but there appears to have been more of an inclination for families to celebrate the joyous season privately than in the communal manner suggested by the English novelist and much in vogue during and since his day. But at all times in England and elsewhere one of the most cherished traditions associated with Christmastide has been the belief that it is the best and most suitable time for family reunion, for the gathering together, if at all practicable, of the various members of the family to meet under the parental roof, there to make merry in common and in celebration of the best of all festivals.

The prevailing sentiment at Christmas is, of course, the beautiful Christian ideal of "Peace on Earth, goodwill to men," which seems to permeate the essentials of Christianity. At this time of the year people are much more disposed to act and think charitably, under the benign influence of Christianity, which enjoins that fine feeling of tender kindness, and which nothing is more potent in lubricating the harshnesses of everyday life, than at

any other time of the year. One of the finest features of Christmastide, is that it is largely a children's festival; and very properly so, for it is at this season of the year that that benign lover of all little children, "Father Christmas"—"Santa Claus"—chooses to make his annual visit, heavily laden with Christmas gifts for good little girls and even for naughty little boys. It is, therefore, the festival more beloved by the little ones than any other throughout the year, and the one in which they are specially prominent in the gatherings in their own home as in the many in which they are asked to participate at the homes of their little friends. Very probably the season of the year, just on the turn from the shortest day and the longest night to the extending days and the shortest of nights, lends a special attraction to Christmastide and a charm to merry gatherings. The religious significance of the festival is, of course, all-important and no matter how little thought one may give to the profundities of Christianity during the year, now, at this season, they come home to us in all their grandeur and solemnity. Thus it is that Christmas, which causes us to think more hopefully of the eternal verities, also has a salutary effect upon our minds in much more mundane matters such as kindness of thought and action towards our fellow creatures.

There does not appear to be any falling off in the popularity of the Christmas festival. Quite the contrary, for it seems to-day more popular than ever before with young and old alike. There is a tendency nowadays to celebrate the distinctly festive part in public—in hotels' to the accompaniment of much merriment and not a little jazz. This applies, of course, almost exclusively to the grown-ups; for the children, more conservative, hold their many parties exclusively among their intimate friends and keep very respectable hours. The best gatherings are those in which old and young participate and give to the accompaniment of genuine jollity, amidst lots of toys and the lively noise of crackers, the real atmosphere that should accompany the festive part of Christmastide.

Among the many differences between Hong Kong and Shanghai, as places of residence for Europeans, is the fact that the former does not like being talked—or written—about while the latter does not mind it at all. We have had no real story about this Colony since Mr. Somerset

Ourselves and Others

Maughan called on us, though we understand that one is in active course of preparation. Shanghai, however, is constantly getting into print. A little while ago there was Louise Jordan Miln's "The Flutes of Shanghai," which was reviewed in these columns, and now is announced a volume with the intriguing title, "Shanghai Nights." This latter is likely to have a good sale, because Shanghai people like reading about themselves and because those not of that great city invariably associate the name of the place with a kind of life which has come to be known as "night." Those who have experienced a series of "Shanghai nights" will no doubt agree that a trained writer could make the subject a colourful one. As we have not yet read the book, we cannot say whether the author has succeeded or not, but it seems that in choosing "a story of the fight by a Eurasian girl for the right to live and be recognised," he has hit upon a subject admirably lending itself to "strong" treatment.

There will be no issue of the "China Mail" to-morrow (Christmas Day). Publication will be resumed on Wednesday.

Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of it.

—Lowell.

LIGHT.

[Lillian M. Bellati.]
I have seen the Light, the Light that shone
From out the star in Galilee.
Its living beam sings in my heart,
O Lord of Life to Thee.

The world is changed, new beauty glows
With Truth and Love and Peace.
Though thunders crash and evils rage,
Its sweet song does not cease.

O wondrous birth! O light divine
That giveth clearer sight;
That peereth through the earth-bound sense,
Swiftly discerning Right.

Black mists dissolve, the heavy clouds
Unroll. The Word doth shine
Through all Thy universe complete,
Obedient to Thy great design.
(Written for the Watchman).

The "Whizz Bangs," the concert party, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, gave a successful entertainment at St. Patrick's Club, Garden-road, on Saturday night. A lengthy programme comprising songs, instrumental items, and humorous sketches was presented to a large and appreciative audience. The performance was of a high order and greatly enjoyed.

JACKIE COOGAN

MAKES HIS DEBUT IN
LONDON

"PRESENTING DAD"

Master Jackie Coogan, aged 13, made his bow to an English audience recently for the first time. Charlie Chaplin's little collaborator in "The Kid," the screen play that made his name famous in two hemispheres, is now almost grown up; still a boy, but no longer the child whose world was the nursery—and the film studio.

Silk-hatted, white-spatted, immaculate, his sleek hair brushed straight back from his forehead, the little young man appeared on the Palladium stage radiant and smiling, ready of speech, in gratifying. Hat in hand, he told the packed house in the simplest language how he had looked forward to that moment, to stand before them in the flesh, and especially to introduce to them his "Dad," whom he had "worked with for thirteen years."

Mr. Coogan then entered, dressed precisely as his illustrious son. There followed some passages of cross-talk between the two, with frank allusions to the earning capacity of the film star.

"How did you make your living before you met me?" Jackie perkily asked his father. "My name was Coogan long before I met you," remarked Mr. Coogan. "Yes, dad, but it didn't mean anything then!" retorted Jackie.

In the approved style of the professional elocutionist Jackie then recited an American poem entitled "Pershing at the Front," following this up by dancing the "Varsity Drag" in the authentic Vaudeville manner. A short solo dance by Coogan pere, a few more bright passages between the two, the presentation to Jack of toy engines by the bevy of Palladium

"TOM JONES"

PHILHARMONIC'S FINAL
PERFORMANCE
INTERESTING FINALE

The Final Scene at "Tom Jones" was staged later on Saturday night than any previous performance owing to the repeated encores which the crowded audience demanded. When the curtain was raised the applause was long and continued and in a very few moments the stage was piled with beautiful floral tributes and mementoes to the cleverness of the Company.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, President of the Society, appeared among the performers, and before "The King" was rendered the President delivered a particularly apt speech, commending the enthusiastic energy and ability of all taking part, with special reference to their very popular musical Director, Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., and concluded by announcing that the Company had decided to produce "Patience" later in the year. Mr. Hornell invited new members to join the ranks of the Company.

He stressed the whole-hearted support which the individual members, from chorus to principals, had rendered.

There followed behind the stage a most interesting little ceremony when, with the whole of the Company present, and many friends from the audience, Professor Brown, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.E., Vice-President of the Society, asked the President's acceptance of an autographed photograph by the Company of "Tom Jones."

The President expressed his great pleasure at the gift.

Mr. R. Davies, Hon. Producer, was presented with a silver cocktail service and Mr. Fitz-Earle with a silver junk.

Mrs. Griggs, the pianist and accompanist of the Company, was presented with a silver coffee service, and Mr. Hunt and Mr. Raven with an eight-day clock and a cigarette case, respectively.

Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Grenham, who were responsible for the artistic properties, were each presented with souvenirs of the Company's appreciation of their help. Professor Brown made an excellent Chairman, each recipient being especially commented upon in a humorous but earnest manner, the speaker's remarks generally being much appreciated by a happy audience.

Mr. Fitz-Earle and Mr. R. R. Davies, in addition to thanking those present for their hard work, also expressed themselves very candidly of the work demanded and expected for the success of a performance such as had been just concluded.

The claret cup was then handed round and mutual congratulations were exchanged. After which the Company and their friends adjourned to Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant where an admirable supper dance was held.

Opinions vary as to comparative merit with former performances rendered by the Company, notably the most recent one, "Merrie England," but critics are unanimous as to the enjoyment provided by a delightful rendering of "Tom Jones," for which the Company cannot receive too much credit.

"Tom Jones" gave tired Hong Kong audiences a fresh amusement and enjoyment and the crowded audiences testified their appreciation.

SIR HAYES-MARRIOTT

There was a large gathering of leading members of the European community at Johnston's Pier, Singapore, on December 17, to say goodbye to Sir Hayes and Lady Marriott, who are shortly leaving Malaya on retirement and will not visit Singapore again before their departure.

Sir Hayes Marriott has spent 32 years in the Malayan Civil Service, and during that period he has served in a variety of posts in the Straits Settlements as General Adviser, Johore, and as Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements. During the absence of H.E. the Governor Sir Hayes has acted as Officer Administering the Government and High Commissioner in the Malay States.

NAVAL MAN DROWNED

The death by drowning is reported of Leading Signaller Edgar Charles Chant of H.M.S. "Kent" (flagship on the China Station), at sea on Saturday, Dec. 22.

He came from Yeovil, Somersetshire and was not married.

dancers, another word or two of thanks, and the debut was over. It is impossible not to lament the passing years that have made the genius of the child little more than a memory; but Master Jackie Coogan has now fresh fields to conquer—"Daily Telegraph."

"PRAPS-PRAPS NOT"

"I'll sleep in peace 'til I hear Gabe's horn. It's the first real sleep since the twins were born."

"And did he live to tell the tale?" asked a listener after the story of a man's amazing adventure had been told.

"Oh, yes," replied the storyteller. "And he has done nothing else since."

"I know my wife lied to me when we were engaged."

"What do you mean?"

"When I asked her to marry me she said she was agreeable."

The vicar mentioned in his sermon people who attend church for no better reason than to show off their best clothes.

He concluded with this effort: "I am thankful to see it is obvious none of you have come here for that reason."

Magistrate: "Have you a lawyer?"

Prisoner: "No, sir."

Magistrate: "Do you want a lawyer to defend you?"

Prisoner: "Not in particular, sir."

Magistrate: "Well, what do you propose to do about it?"

Prisoner: "Well, so far as I'm concerned, I'm willing to drop the whole business."

Indignant diner: "Bring the proprietor here at once. There's a wasp in my soup."

Waiter: "It's no use sending for the boss, sir. He's scared to death of 'em himself."

Friend: "What do you think of that boy I recommended? Is there any hope for him as a journalist?"

Newspaper Editor: "I'm afraid not. Only this morning he wrote 'The church was crowded,' instead of 'The sacred edifice was thronged.'"

J. Pierpont Morgan recently cancelled his steamer ticket, and postponed a trip to Europe, in order to serve on a jury. That's the trouble with being so high up in a company that you can't get any one to write you an excuse saying you are indispensable to the organisation.

It was the last match of the season. The two village cricket teams were opposing each other. The home team won the toss, and elected to bat. Off the first delivery one of the batsmen was bowled. As he returned to the pavilion his wife exclaimed, sympathetically:—

"Never mind ducky!"

A sporting gentleman entered a cafe and ordered a chicken. The chicken was tough and when the waiter came he found the gentleman in great wrath.

"Waiter," he said, "this chicken is tough."

"Very sorry, sir. That chicken was always a peculiar bird. Why when we came to kill it, we couldn't catch it, so at last we had to shoot it. It flew on the house-tops, and—"

"Ah! That accounts for it. You must have shot the weather-cock."

Miss N. Parker: "I hear that you are not going to marry Mr. Newcome after all. Why is that?"

Miss Golightly: "Oh! Father thinks his position isn't good enough, and mother thinks he is too old for me. My aunt thinks he is too good-looking to make a satisfactory husband, and my Uncle Jims says he has heard rumours about him. My cousins tell me he is given to flirting, and—"

Miss N. Parker (eagerly): "Yes, and you—what do you think about it all?"

Miss Golightly: "Oh, I think I ought to wait until he asks me."

"She told John that she loved him, and that soon she'd be his wife."

And just to prove that what she said was true, When business called him from the town she wrote him every day. And underlined—"My heart belongs to you!"

Alas he had a rival, and through him they had a tiff. And grey clouds blotted out the skies of blue, And John received a letter telling him she'd changed her mind. And she underlined—"My heart belongs to Hugh!"

WEDDING

FASHIONABLE CHINESE GATHERING

PHOON-KWOK LAI-SIM.

A fashionable wedding of considerable interest both to Chinese and Europeans in Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai, took place in St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon.

The bride was Miss Kwok Lai-sim, daughter of the late Mr. Kwok Quay and of Mrs. Kwok Quay. Her father was manager of the Wing On Co. (with well-known branches in this part of the world), at Sydney, Australia, where she was born. Her three uncles are, respectively, manager of the Wing On Co. (Shanghai), manager of the Wing On Co. (Hong Kong) and manager of the Wing On Textile Co. (Shanghai). Mrs. Kwok Quay is also well known in Hong Kong social and religious circles, being a sister of Mrs. Ma Ying-pu and Mrs. Ma Wing-eh, the former being the wife of the general manager of the Sincere Co. (Hong Kong) and the latter is the wife of a director of the same company.

Family of Doctors

The bridegroom is equally well known. He is Dr. Phoon See-foo (better known as Dr. S. F. Phoon), a son of the late Mr. Phoon and of Mrs. Phoon See-leong. He is in practice in Singapore where he is also managing the family's estates. At the University, Hong Kong, he was King's scholar. For some time he was attached to the Government Civil Hospital. Indeed, he comes of a family of doctors, his father and three of his four brothers being medical men and brilliant students. The family is highly respected in Singapore, as well as in Hong Kong.

The Rev. Y. K. Lee officiated. Mr. Kwok Chuen (Philip Gock Chin), manager of Wing On Co. (Hong Kong) gave his niece away and Mr. S. F. Phoon was best man.

Valuable Presents

The bridal retinue consisted of Miss Shi Kwok-ying and Miss Kwok Lai-ping as bridesmaids, Miss Choy and Miss Kwok as flower-girls, and Master Kwok Chui-hung as page. Miss Kwok Lai-ram was maid of honour.

The service was choral and the hymn "Lord, Who at Cana's Wedding Feast," was played.

The reception was held in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant. Among the host of valuable presents were a pair of diamond bracelets and a pair of diamond earrings (the gifts of the bridegroom to the bride) and a gold dress watch and chain, a diamond tie-pin and a pair of gold sleeve links (given by the bride to the bridegroom).

The honeymoon is to be spent in Shanghai.

UNLUCKY CATERER

"SUFFERER OF EVERY ILLNESS"

ENDS IN SUICIDE

"He suffered from practically every illness and had been under the doctor for years," said Mrs. Callaway, the widow of William Henry Callaway, aged 48, a fried fish caterer, of Edith-road, Peckham, giving evidence at the inquest on her husband at Deptford.

Callaway was found dead in a room at the back of his shop in New Cross-road. He was seated, leaning over a gas ring, the tap of which was on. He had an overcoat over his head.

The widow said that Callaway never had a proper meal and had been worried about his shops. There had been a lot of repairs done and the district surveyor ordered more, which her husband could not afford. One of his shops was damaged during the gale recently. He was a man who could not help worrying.

Suicide while of unsound mind was the verdict.

UNDEFENDED

DECREE AGAINST LADY INVERLYDE

An undefended action for divorce came before Lord Murray in the Court of Session at Edinburgh at the instance of Lord Inverlyde, of Castle Wemyss, Renfrewshire, against his wife, Lady Inverlyde, of Curzon Hotel, Curzon-street, Mayfair, London.

Lord Inverlyde, who is 31 years of age, was married on Nov. 23, 1926.

The divorce was sought on the ground of misconduct alleged to have taken place in June last at a Paris hotel.

The chief evidence was taken on commission, and the only witnesses were Lord Inverlyde, Thomas J. Bull (his London butler), and Elsie Morris, a former maid to Lady Inverlyde.

Lord Murray granted a decree of divorce.

LATE MRS. BATEMAN

BELLIOS SCHOOL HEAD FOR 15 YEARS

PASSES AT HOME

Many of the older residents of the Colony will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Annie Bateman, formerly Head Mistress of the Bellios Public School, which occurred in England in November last.

Mrs. Bateman had reached a good old age and for many years had been confined to her house. Many of her old scholars from Hong Kong paid her visits when in the Homeland and she was always pleased to meet them again. They found her just the dear kind lady that she always was and she took a keen interest in all Hong Kong's doings up to the last.

Mrs. Bateman had been a widow many years. Her husband and herself were formerly at St. Paul's College, where a school for European boys was conducted. Many men resident in the Colony to-day were pupils at this institution.

Mrs. Bateman was headmistress of the Bellios Public School from 1891 to 1906. She retired at around the age of 56 years and was succeeded by Mrs. E. Tutecher, who in turn retired in 1918. Since her retirement Mrs. Bateman had been drawing a small annual pension from the Hong Kong Government.

Mrs. H. K. Holmes, wife of the Crown Solicitor, is a daughter of the deceased lady.

PASSED AWAY

WAR HERO DIES IN FRENCH HOSPITAL

M. Rene Vesser, who has been a resident of the Colony for some years, died at the French Hospital yesterday morning. M. Vesser, who lived at the Glenale Hotel, was very badly gassed during the war, and never completely recovered his health.

The cause of death is directly attributed to his war service, and much sympathy will be felt for M. Vesser in her bereavement. M. Vesser, who was 47 years of age, had been awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Medaille Militaire.

MRS. J. M. LEONARD

The death took place at the Government Civil Hospital early on Saturday morning, of Mrs. Ismenia Maria Leonard, of No. 145, Wong-neichong-road.

Mrs. Leonard was taken to Victoria Hospital on November 29, and about a fortnight ago transferred to the G.C.H. where she gave birth to a daughter on December 17. Unfortunately, complications of a serious nature set in, and death resulted on Saturday. The child is progressing quite well. Much sympathy will be felt for the deceased lady's husband, Mr. F. D. Leonard, in his sad loss, especially as Mrs. Leonard was only 30 years of age, and the couple had been married a little over two years.

The funeral, which was well attended, took place at the Roman Catholic cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Many floral tributes were sent.

LESSON-SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONG KONG

"Is the universe, including man, evolved by atomic force?" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Dec. 23.

The Golden Text was, "Thou, Lord, in the beginning, hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thy hands" (Hebrews 1: 10).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Oh Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land (Ps. 92: 5, 96: 8-5).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience—Spirit possessing all power, filling all space, constituting all Science, contradict forever the belief that matter can be actual. These eternal verities reveal primeval existence as the radiant reality of God's creation, in which all that He has made is pronounced by His wisdom good" (P. 109).

"ROSE MARIE"

JOAN CRAWFORD IN THE TITLE ROLE

"PARISIAN" REVUE

"Rose Marie," a screen-adaptation from the well-known musical comedy, was shown at the Queen's Theatre yesterday to full houses. The picture accentuates the "frozen North" passages of the play and gives Joan Crawford, in the title role, an excellent opportunity of being courted by three men (a sergeant of the N. W. Mounted Police, who looks a strong favourite at the opening; a dandified French-Canadian, polished in Paris; and one Kenyon, a wanderer in the wild lands and a man on the face of it, of no account) and mauled by a fourth (Bastien, a half-cast fugitive from justice). Malone, the policeman, though a member of a corps in which the tradition is always to get your man, fails to get his woman, and Rose Marie, in the first instance, falls to the little French-Canadian, though she eventually glides out of the picture with Kenyon. A full-blooded film, with plenty of "rough stuff and a passable love interest. In addition to Miss Crawford, House Peters, Creighton Hale and James Murray all play prominent parts. The photography is gripping. The catching air, "Rose Marie I Love You," is fully exploited by the orchestra. The programme opens with selections by Carpi's "Parisian" Revue company, Russian dancers, who present ballet scenes, some to vocal accompaniments. These artists will give a change of programme to-morrow and on Thursday. The dancing is acrobatic and classical and the stage settings are pretty.

OLD CUSTOMS

A CLEAN SWEEP IN TURKEY

MUSTAFA KEMAL

Berlin.—In a recent article in the "Vossische Zeitung," Dr. Wilhelm Feldmann, that newspaper's Constantinople correspondent, talks of the many changes that are making the Turkey of to-day unrecognizable to the Turkey of before the war. He says:—

"Turkey is daily becoming more un-Turkish. Now the title of Pasha is to be abolished. The government is preparing a law that substitutes the title of Djeneral to that of Pasha. Djeneral is the Turkish form of General.

"In Abdul Hamid's time already there were no more civilian Pashas. The military Pashas also no longer enjoyed the splendours of the old rank. A Turkish General, with his small salary, can make very little display.

Old Turkey Fast Disappearing "And the title of 'Bej' (written 'Bei' in German and mispronounced 'Bai,' 'Bey'), is no longer a title. It is simply the Turkish 'Mr.' the polite form of addressing an educated Turk. Ordinary Turks are called 'Effendi' (once a term of high honour), an 'Aga' is used in addressing persons who can neither read nor write.

"In the old Turkey things were nicely arranged. And one who showed discretion in the choice of a father could, under Abdul Hamid, become a Pasha while a baby. The Kemalists, destroyers of harems and veils, have no sympathy with the old grandeur. They are making simple Generals out of the remaining Pashas. Soon they will change the poor Bey, Effendi and Aga into a vulgar 'Musju' (Turkish equivalent for 'Monsieur').

"Two young Stamboul assistant district attorneys did not realise that the Pasha era was over. They went into the cinema theatres and demanded free seats, such as must be given to the District Attorney when he officially inspects the films. One cinema show proprietor asked to see his visitors' official credentials, and since these were not presented he refused the seats. Thereupon the young assistant district attorneys ordered him to be arrested.

Misuse of Authority "The Stamboul police had apparently also failed to realise that the Pasha era was over. They arrested the proprietor, since the youthful functionaries wished them to do so.

"But the proprietor of the Opera Theatre, the largest in Pera, did not allow himself to be intimidated. He refused seats, was arrested and held a day for examination, and then brought suit against the merry assistant district attorneys. The Court of Cassation, an Eski-Shehir (the highest court of appeals) has now sentenced both defendants to three weeks in prison for misuse of official authority. It was made exceedingly clear to the police during the trial that the time is past when every minor representative of the prosecuting power

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

The next Singapore Assizes will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1929.

Mr. E. A. Winnington-Ingram has been promoted to be an officer of Class V of the Malayan Civil Service.

Mr. S. J. Vincent, of the Commercial Union Insurance Co., has returned to Singapore after home leave.

Mr. N. D. Mudie, District Judge and First Magistrate, Penang, has returned from leave and resumed his duties.

In the annual international golf match at Peking St. George's Society beat St. Andrew's Society by 84 points to 3.

Mr. J. Gordon Carrie has been appointed Deputy Registrar-General under the Statistics Ordinance, Straits Settlements.

Mr. R. H. de S. Onraet, Superintendent of Police, Straits Settlements, has been granted leave of absence for six months.

The Hon. Mr. A. F. Worthington, Acting British Resident of Perak, paid a visit to the public offices in Ipoh. He was shown round by Captain Walker, Senior Executive Engineer, Kinta, and Mr. J. J. Sheehan, A.D.O., Ipoh.

Mr. George Savage, Superintendent Posts and Telegraphs, Singapore, has been appointed to act as Controller, Posts and Telegraphs, Singapore, and Mr. H. J. Harris has been appointed to officiate in a similar capacity in Penang.

The Resident of Perak, in response to a request by the mercantile community, has agreed to grant a public holiday throughout the State on Monday, Dec. 24, thus extending the Christmas Holiday from the week-end till Thursday, Dec. 27.

Mr. C. F. Strickland, I.C.S., who has spent a large part of his service in the Co-operative Department in the Punjab, is coming out to Malaya early next year in an advisory capacity. His visit is expected to last four months, says the "Straits Times."

A picture of Miss Watson, eldest daughter of the late Mr. R. G. Watson, C.M.G., British Resident of Perak, Federated Malay States, and of Mrs. Reginald Watson, appeared in the London "Morning Post" of Nov. 9. Her engagement to Mr. Ben Hawes-Wilson was recently announced.

At an extraordinary general meeting of Lee Ban Poe and Co., Ltd., at Market-street, Kuala Lumpur, the following resolution was duly passed: "That as the company, by reason of its liabilities cannot continue its business, it is advisable to wind up the same and that the company be and is hereby placed in voluntary liquidation: further that Mr. W. J. P. Grenier, of Kuala Lumpur, be and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purposes of such winding up."

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on December 8 at Union Church, Tientsin, between Mr. Malcolm Stares of the B.M.C. staff, Tientsin and Miss Pauline Alexieff. The civil ceremony took place at 11 a.m. at H. B. M. Consulate General before Sir James Jamieson, K.C.M.G., The Rev. F. B. Turner, M.A., officiated at the marriage service in the afternoon. The bride, who was charmingly attired in white satin trimmed with silver lace, was given away by Mr. W. H. Steele, C.B.E. The best man was Mr. J. M. Love. The church was beautifully decorated by Meses Steele and Lange.

Our Kuala Lumpur correspondent telegraphs that before Mr. Justice Farrer Manby, Mr. Joseph Griggs, formerly of Malayan Wood Distillation, Ltd., sued Mr. Corbett, late general manager, for \$2,417 for work done. Mr. A. S. Bailey appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. B. J. P. Joaquim for the defendant, who has left the country. Plaintiff said he was employed by defendant as assistant manager and chemist and was promised 10 per cent. of the profits on Hong Fatt shares. Only \$683 were paid, and the balance was claimed. Judgment was given for plaintiff for the amount claimed with eight per cent. interest till settlement. — "Singapore Free Press."

may treat the public as if they were slaves. "Things have changed considerably in Turkey." Mustafa Kemal, whatever his enemies may say about him, is making a clean sweep everywhere of the old Ottoman order.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Rose Marie."

To-day—World Theatre; "Stage Struck," at 5.15 and 9.20 p.m. Chinese picture "Nemesia" part II, at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Quarterback."

Dec. 25-26—Queen's Theatre; "Hula."

Dec. 25-26—World Theatre; "The Better 'Ola."

Dec. 25-26—Star Theatre; "Hot Water."

Dec. 27-29—Queen's Theatre; "The Divine Woman."

Dec. 27-29—World Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."

Dec. 27-29—Star Theatre; "Paris At Midnight."

Land Sale To-day—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Samshupo, 3 p.m.

Sports Dec. 26—Christmas Golf meeting at Penang.

Dec. 26—"Sunday Herald" Cup: China v. England, Club ground.

Dec. 27—"Sunday Herald" Cup: Portugal v. Scotland, Club ground.

Dec. 28—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. H. K. Club "A", 5 p.m.

Miscellaneous Dec. 25—Christmas Day, H.K. Y.M.C.A. Christmas Tiffin, Members will invite Service Guests, 1 p.m.

Dec. 26—Boxing Day, H.K. Y.M.C.A. All day Ramble to Taimoshan. Ladies invited.

AMAH'S CHASE

TELLS MAGISTRATE ABOUT GOSSIP

DID SHE HAVE MONEY

The servants' quarters of No. 2, Quarry Point, the house of Mr. N. Drummond of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, was entered by two Chinese men at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday and the amah, who was alone in the place, was attacked by the ruffians. One of them caught hold of her by the throat and squeezing her mouth tightly, threw her on the ground. The other man then proceeded to search the amah, but she struggled violently, and managed to get the man's hand from her mouth. She then raised the alarm, whereupon the two men released her and bolted out without stealing anything.

Constable's Catch

The amah gave chase. The two men ran towards Quarry Bay. About 100 yards beyond the gates of the sugar refinery, an Indian constable confronted the two running men and called out to them to stop. When his order was not obeyed, the constable made a movement as if to draw his revolver, whereupon the men stopped and put their hands up. Then the amah came up and gave them in charge.

This morning the two men were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with assaulting the amah and attempted robbery.

Come into a Fortune?

When the amah was in the witness box, his Worship asked her if she had recently come into a fortune and she replied that she had not.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that he could not understand why the men should single her out as a victim unless they knew that she had money.

The amah replied that it was the gossip amongst the other servants in the neighbourhood that she had not gone back to the country for many years and had lived very miserably, so that she must have saved a lot of money. She suggested that this gossip must have reached the accused.

The Magistrate adjourned the case until Saturday next.

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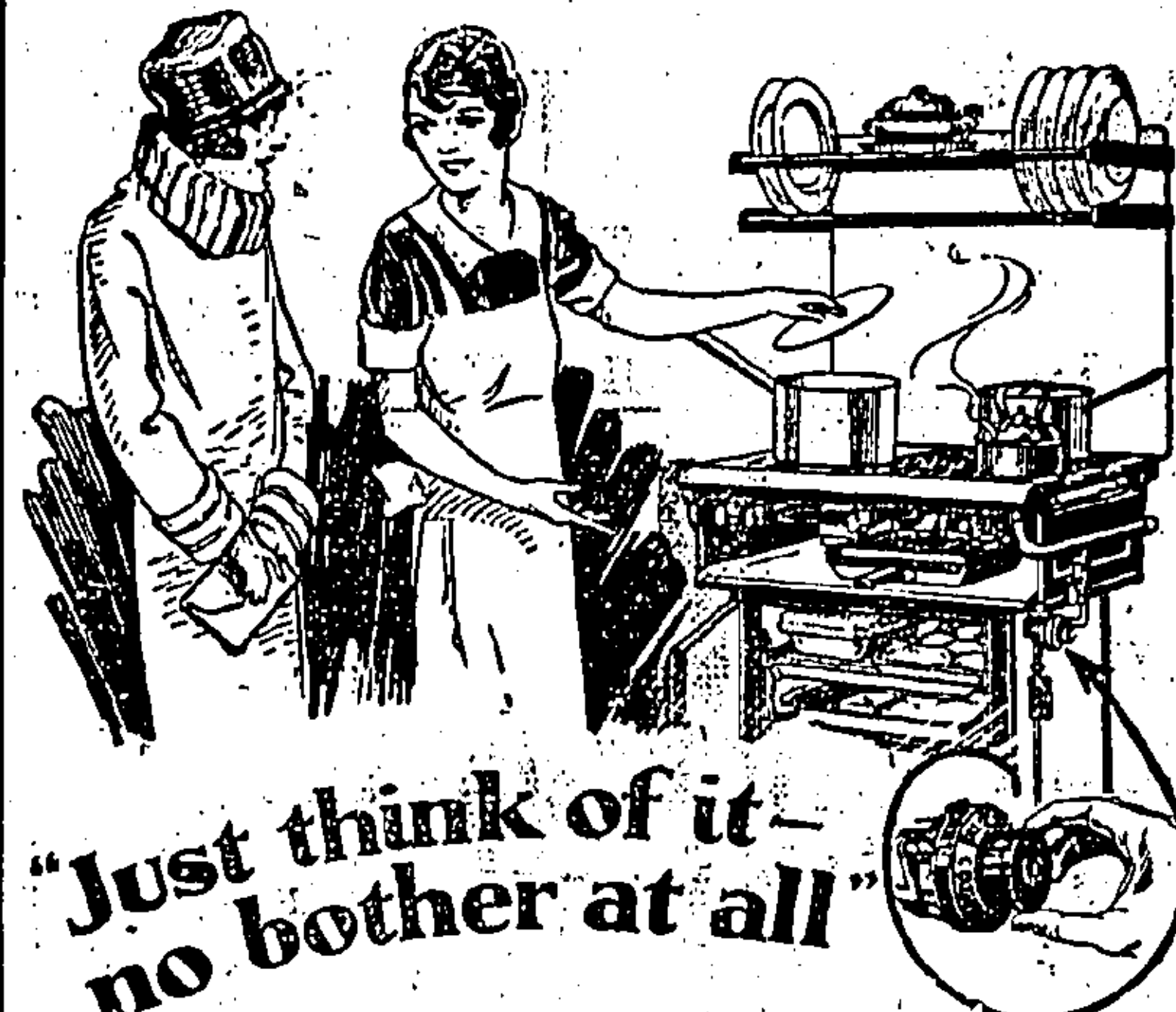
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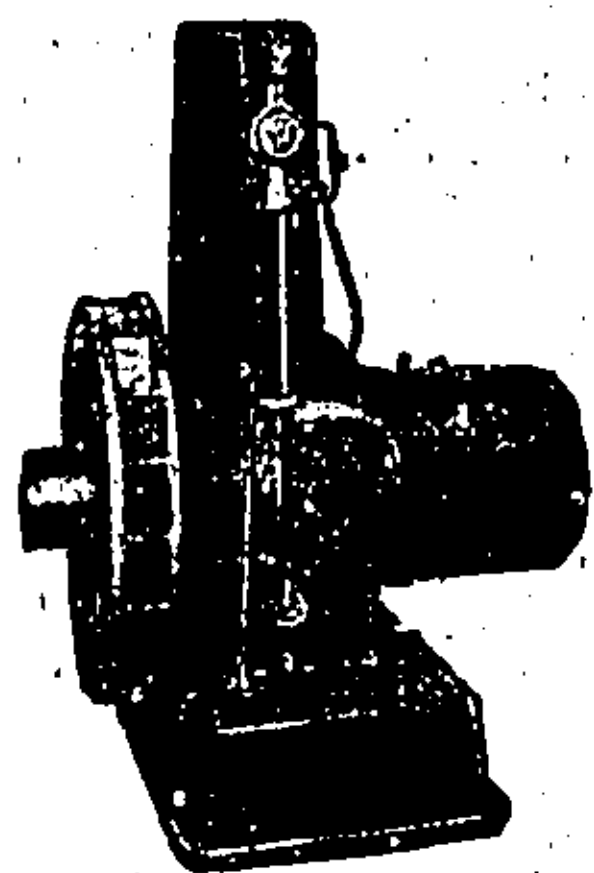
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STEEPLECHASES

THREE VICTORIES FOR THE
2ND K.O.S.B.

GOOD SPORT AT KWANTI

"Borderers' Day" might well be applied to the Christmas steeplechase meeting of the Fanning Hunt, held on the renovated Kwanti race course on Saturday in glorious weather before a distinguished attendance.
Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. (the officer commanding), Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., Lt. Mattingley and Lt. J. G. Shillington, of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, had three winners and a number of places between them. Lt. Shillington caught the judge's eye twice, the first occasion in the big event and he was the only rider to annex a double.

Racing was particularly interesting. Fields were bigger than heretofore. There was the usual quota of tosses but with no serious accidents. Three favourites out of five succeeded and one was second. An outsider returned odds of 10 to 1 and place dividends were pleasing.

Big Fields

At the second time of asking—that is, since the radical change in the course, enclosures, etc.—matters went as smoothly as could be desired. There was no confusion as to which course to take, the track not in use being shut off by temporary barriers. The going was nice and hard and the jumps in fine condition.

Eight ponies faced the starter in three races, six in the big race and five in the handicap.

Among those present were H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) and Mrs. Southern, accompanied by Captain A. J. L. Whyte (A.D.C.) and Mr. W. R. Scott (Private Secretary). H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.) and Miss Luard.

The Presentation

Mrs. Southern presented, on behalf of the ladies of the Hunt, the handsome piece of plate given for the third race.

Inviting Mrs. Southern to make the presentation, Mr. H. Birkett (Joint Master of the Hunt) said:—"Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—Dr. Pierce Grove (the other Joint Master) should have addressed you. We owe the whole of this race course to him; but he is rather diffident about getting up to speak. The Plate presented by the ladies of the Fanning Hunt has been won very gallantly by Lt. Shillington on his own pony, Ace of Spades. (hear, hear). I will, therefore, ask Mrs. Southern to kindly present the Plate."

The Cash Sweeps

The \$1 "big" cash sweep resulted:—
No. 5,295 \$2,416.40
" 2,580 690.40
" 2,592 345.20

Unplaced runners (\$27.40 each)
Nos. 4,462, 5,986, 2,538, 4,734, 81, 2,628, 6,204, 5,083, 5,322, 4,671, 3,761, 4,521, 2,973, 6,422.

The Other Sweeps

The other sweeps at \$5 resulted:—

Race I.
No. 18 \$70.70
" 23 22.20
" 22 10.10
Unplaced runners (\$5 each) Nos. 42, 10, 7, 33, 20.

Race II.
No. 31 \$100.10
" 6 28.60
" 24 14.30
Unplaced runners (\$10 each) Nos. 14, 38, 27, 26, 20.

Race III.
No. 39 \$151.90
" 50 43.40
" 246 21.70
Unplaced runners (\$10 each) Nos. 9, 24, 3.

Race IV.
No. 27 \$79.90
" 43 51.40
" 43 25.70
Unplaced runners (\$20 each) Nos. 66, 12.

Race V.
No. 102 \$223.80
" 38 66.80
" 96 33.40
Unplaced runners (\$25 each) Nos. 93, 44, 90, 68, 4.

Race 1.—Christmas Maiden, about 1 mile on inside course. Winner \$75, 2nd \$25. For all China ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started this season at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs. Entry \$5.
Lt.-Col. Comyn's Grey Eyes 157 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 1
Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's Target 160 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Major Lake's As You Like It 169 lbs. (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 3
Mr. Stanton's Chicot 158 lbs. (Mr. Macgown) 0
Mrs. Charles' May 155 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 0
Mr. Morgan's Newfoundland 158 lbs. (owner) 0
Mr. Beck's Strathlone 156 lbs. (Mr. McCartney) 0
Mr. Mattingley's Tarzall 155 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 0

Race 2.—United Services Race, about 1 mile on "national" course. Winner \$75, 2nd \$25. For China ponies. Catch weights 160 lbs. Winners at Kwanti this season 7 lbs. penalty. To be ridden by officers of H.M.'s Forces or members of H.K.V.D.C. Entry \$5.
Mr. Macnamara's James Pigg 168 lbs. (Mr. Abel-Smith) 1
Lt.-Col. Comyn's Durham 160 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 2
Major Lake's Tap Sinc 160 lbs. (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 3
Mr. Potts's Craigavad 160 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 0
Dr. Durran's Drake 160 lbs. (owner) 0
Mr. Mattingley's Dumbell 182 lbs. (owner) 0
Mr. Hee Cheong's Man-of-War 160 lbs. (Mr. Backhouse) 0
Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's Six Hundred 160 lbs. (Mr. Morgan) 0

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this, Caesar had unseated Mr. Backhouse at the first jump.

Mowgli set out to chase Ace of Spades with five furlongs to go, but made only a little impression, the former winning in a canter.

Caviare, Little River and Solitaire were together, forming the rear-guard; but the first two-named came down together in the country, Little River appearing to have been responsible. Solitaire stayed on to become a poor third. Caviare was remounted by Mr. Erskine whose vigorous riding nearly did the trick; but he finished fourth, 1½ lengths behind Solitaire.

Ace of Spades' victory was very popular.

Race 4.—Christmas Handicap, about 1½ miles on "national" course. Winner \$75, 2nd \$25. For China ponies. Entry \$5.
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Mr. Stanton's Loch Rannoch 150 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 3
Mr. Mattingley's Fire Call 151 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 0
Dr. Pierce Grove's Siang River 160 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 0

Parl-mutuel, winner \$9.50; places, 1st \$6.80; 2nd \$8.40; 3rd \$5.

My Lady 126 100
Aristophanes 70 55
Loch Rannoch 45 54
Siang River 17 23
Fire Call 10 24

Backers judged form to a nicety in this race, which only drew five runners and on which the big sweep was drawn.

Mr. Charles, riding My Lady (favourite) kept his pony in the rear and was second into the straight where his mount's superior speed gave him the verdict by half a length. Aristophanes, second, was two lengths in front of Loch Rannoch.

Aristophanes showed the way for a time and then Loch Rannoch took up the running. Shortly afterwards Siang River was leader. At the last jump but one, Aristophanes, My Lady and Siang River were over together, Siang River being in the middle and he had the misfortune to tumble when so well placed.

Although My Lady only won by half a length, Mr. Charles always had the measure of the others. Less than evens were paid.

Race 5.—Also Ran Stakes, about 7 furlongs on inside course. Winner \$75, 2nd \$25. For China ponies that have started at Kwanti this season and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at this meeting allowed 5 lbs. Forced entry \$5.
Mr. Mattingley's Dumbell 153 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 1
Major Lake's As You Like It 157 lbs. (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 2
Mrs. Charles' May 160 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 3
Lt.-Col. Comyn's Borderer 155 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 0
Mr. Macanulan's Caesar 150 lbs. (Mr. Backhouse) 0
Dr. MacGown's Honeymoon 155 lbs. (owner) 0
Mr. Greenbob's Sheila 154 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 0
Mr. Beck's Strathlone 155 lbs. (Mr. McCartney) 0

Parl-mutuel, winner \$7.90; places, 1st \$6.10; 2nd \$10.70; 3rd \$8.20.

Dumbell 145 108
Borderer 70 68
As you Like It 13 21
May 12 37
Caesar 8 12
Sheila 4 10
Honeymoon 3 5
Strathlone 2 4

Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades 158 lbs. (owner) 1
Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's Mowgli 157 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Mr. Bjuke's Solitaire 158 lbs. (Mr. Macgown) 3
Mr. Macanulan's Caesar 155 lbs. (Mr. Backhouse) 0
Mr. Mans' Caviare 161 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 0
Lt.-Col. Comyn's Little River 155 lbs. (Mr. Morgan) 0

Parl-mutuel, winner \$15.60; places, 1st \$5.50; 2nd \$5.50; 3rd \$7.10.

Mowgli 129 97
Ace of Spades 77 86
Solitaire 22 25
Little River 15 24
Caesar 15 18
Caviare 10 17

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GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.24 a.m.	A. R. Cox, A. Webster.
9.28	" I. H. Geare, H. U. Ireland.
9.32	" L. R. Andrewes, N. L. Smith.
9.36	" F. A. Merry, R. H. Hollis.
9.40	" W. J. Clerk, D. Forbes.
9.44	" L. Yates, H. C. Shrubsole.
9.48	" E. D. Lawrence, I. W. Sheehan.
9.52	" S. J. H. Fox, J. H. Dovey.
9.56	" E. M. Bryden, G. Davidson.
10.00	" A. Morley, E. P. Fletcher.
10.04	" L. Garner, G. E. Mitchell.
10.08	" W. A. Stewart, G. K. Horridge.
10.12	" H. G. Howard, W. L. Alexander.
10.16	" T. Low, N. K. Littlejohn.
11.28	" D. Ellis, O. I. Ellis.
9.24	" E. D. Lawrence, J. M. Walker.
9.28	" B. J. Lacom, E. Kern.
9.32	" N. L. Smith, J. R. Andrewes.
9.36	" I. H. Geare, C. T. Fowler.
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10.12	" T. L. Christie, D. J. Gilmore.
10.16	" H. Spicer, D. Forbes.
10.20	" W. K. Tait, E. P. Fletcher.
10.24	" I. Newton, D. G. G. MacDonald.
10.28	" A. E. Lissaman, K. S. Robertson.
10.32	" I. Garner, G. Towns.
10.36	" S. H. Lewis, G. E. Mitchell.
10.40	" C. B. Johnson, J. D. Humphreys.

KOWLOON "JUNIORS"

Sixteen players have qualified for the junior championship competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. The draw for the 1st round, to be played on Sunday, is as follows:—

A. L. Eastman v. J. J. Cammeron.
W. J. Woolley v. M. Simoes.
H. F. Stoneham v. W. Groves.
W. Borrowman v. S. Harris.
J. Jones v. J. H. Austin.
W. S. Hillier v. C. C. Anderson.
R. Sapsed v. O. E. Murphy.
B. S. Rogers v. A. A. Dand.

RECORD SWIM

DUTCHWOMAN IN 400 METRES EVENT

Paris, Yesterday. The Dutch swimmer, Mlle. Braun, swam the 400 metres backstroke in six minutes 16.4/5 seconds. This contributes a world's record.—Reuter.

ASSOCIATION

At Association the Corinthians beat The Navy by three goals to one.

HOME SOCCER

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S GAMES

SUNDERLAND DRAW

Division I
Arsenal 3, Burnley 1.
Birmingham 5, Leeds U. 1.
Blackburn 2, Cardiff 0.
Bolton 5, Leicester 0.
Derby 3, Bury 1.
Everton 5, Newcastle 2.
Huddersfield 4, West Ham 0.
Manchester C. 2, Liverpool 3.
Portsmouth 3, Manchester U. 0.
Wednesday 4, Aston Villa 1.
Sunderland 4, Sheffield U. 4.

Division II

Barnsley 2, Millwall 2.
Blackpool 3, Wolves 0.
Bradford 2, Oldham 0.
Bristol C. 2, Port Vale 1.
Chelsea 1, Notts C. 1.
Clapton 1, Reading 1.
Grimshy 1, Middlesbrough 4.
Notts For. 3, Hull 1.
Stoke 1, Preston 1.
Swansea 1, Southampton 1.
West Brom. 3, Tottenham 2.

Division III (S.)

Bournemouth 4, Plymouth 1.
Brentford 1, Fulham 2.
Brighton 1, Crystal Pal. 5.
Charlton 5, Walsall 0.
Coventry 2, Bristol R. 0.
Exeter 1, Swindon 1.
Luton 3, Queen's P.R. 2.

SUNDAY HERALD CUP

International

SCOTLAND v. PORTUGAL

On Wednesday: Kick-off 3.30
Boxing Day
Scotland's Team:—
Goal: Clarke (Police).
Backs: Oram (Police), Martin (K.O.S.B.).
Halves: McBride (Club), McKelvie (Capt., Kowloon).
Forwards: Torrie (K.O.S.B.), Evans (Navy), Toal (K.O.S.B.), McClintock (K.O.S.B.), Craig (K.O.S.B.).
Reserves: Stewart (Club), McCreavy (Police).

Merthyr 2, Gillingham 3.
Northampton 3, Watford 0.
Norwich 3, Newport 1.
Southend 3, Torquay 0.

Division III (N.)

Ashington 1, Lincoln 1.
Barrow 2, Stockport 4.
Chesterfield 4, Tranmere 1.
Darlington 4, Hartlepool 1.
Doncaster 1, Halifax 0.
Nelson 0, Accrington 2.
New Brighton 2, Wigan 2.
Rochdale 2, Rotherham 1.
Southport 4, Carlisle 3.
South Shields 1, Bradford C. 1.
Wrexham 1, Crewe 2.
Home wins 5, away wins 3, drawn 3.
Goals scored: Home 22, away 18.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Airdrie 0, Celtic 1.
Ayr 3, Third Lanark 0.
Clyde 2, Cowdenbeath 3.
Dundee 0, Partick 0.
Falkirk 2, St. Johnstone 0.
Hamilton 3, Hearts 2.
Hibernians 1, Kilmarnock 1.
Queen's Park 6, Aberdeen 2.
Raith 2, Motherwell 2.
Rangers 1, St. Mirren 1.

—Reuter.

HOME RUGBY

POSSIBLES BEAT THE PROBABLES

London, Dec. 16.
The following were the principal Rugby results to-day:—
Harlequins 14, Birkenhead 5.
Cambridge 11, Northumberland 0.
Ulster 12, Oxford 22.
Bristol 8, Leicester 3.
Clontarf 13, Llanelli 3.
In the Probables v. Possibles match played at Campore, the Possibles won by 19 to 16.

YACHTING

INTERESTING WEEK-END EVENTS AT R.H.K.Y.C.

ARMY DEFEAT CLUB

The Army yachtsmen who had previously conquered the Navy, yesterday defeated the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, in the first of a series of annual triangular sailing competitions.

A good day's sport was provided, and some fine sailing resulted in the Army winning on the day's aggregate by 14 points. Two races were held, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. In the afternoon the rival helmsmen exchanged yachts.

The Army won the morning event by 77 points to 60. The afternoon's racing was a close affair, the Club winning by 70-67.

The courses were:—
Morning Race.—Club Line west to east, Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rocks (S), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S). Finish Club Line west to east. Distance 6.2 miles.
Afternoon Race.—Club Line west to east, Channel Rocks (P), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rock (S). Finish Club line east to west. Distance 6.3 miles.

The morning results were:

Yacht	Position	Helmsman	Pts.
Why Wonder (8)	Capt. Payton	Reid	9
Bluebonnet (2)	Major Stewart	Reid	15
Speedwell (5)	Capt. de Gros	Reid	12
Lola (19)	Lt. Martin	Reid	2
Daphne (4)	Capt. Wernicke	Reid	13
Albatross (1)	Col. Cardew	Reid	17
Gael (14)	Capt. Whitworth	Reid	3
Thecla (11)	Capt. Tesh	Reid	8
Total			77

Wings	Club	Pts.
Boojum (5)	H. J. Pearce	11
Admiral (12)	Capt. Gandy	5
Zephyr (13)	V. Gough	4
Halcyon (7)	C. E. L. Grist	10
Pierette (10)	Cdr. Drummond	7
Viking (16)	F. L. Nicholson	1
Joan (9)	H. S. Rouse	8
Total		69

The afternoon race resulted as follows:

Wings	Club	Pts.
Boojum (5)	H. J. Pearce	10
Admiral (12)	Capt. Gandy	5
Zephyr (13)	V. Gough	4
Halcyon (7)	C. E. L. Grist	10
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Total		69

Total (a.m.) 77

Total (p.m.) 69

Total for day 144

Why Wonder (12) V. Gough 5

Bluebonnet (4) F. D. Tracy 13

Speedwell (5) G. A. Gandy 12

Lola (15) Cdr. Drummond 2

Daphne (2) C. E. L. Grist 15

Albatross (5) H. S. Rouse 14

Gael (16) F. L. Nicholson 1

Thecla (9) L. Bassett, R.M. 8

Total (p.m.) 79

Total (a.m.) 69

Total for day 139

SATURDAY'S YACHTING

The sixth Championship race for racing yachts, sailed on Saturday, attracted 18 entries—five in the Handicap Class, five in the One Design and Gael Class, and eight in the Heyward Heys Class.

The course was as follows:—
Lyemooon Beacon (P), Channel Rocks (P), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S). Distance, 6.4 miles.

The results were:—

Handicap Class

[Start at 2.25 p.m.]

Finishing Corrected

Diana (4th) 3:55.58 3:54.22

Colleen (3rd) 4:00.55 3:57.11

Rolla (5th) 3:46.21 3:46.21

La Linda (1st) 3:45.59 3:45.59

Dorothea (2nd) 3:49.54 3:46.10

One Design and Gaels

[Start at 2.30 p.m.]

Finishing Corrected

Daphne (2nd) 4:02.25 4:02.25

Albatross (1st) 4:00.19 4:00.19

Gael (5th) 4:45.21 4:43.13

Pierette (4th) 4:07.40 4:05.00

Joan (3rd) 4:09.06 4:04.50

Heyward Heys

[Start at 2.35 p.m.]

Finishing Corrected

Why Wonder (5th) 4:13.22 4:13.22

Wings (7th) 4:13.46 4:13.46

Bluebonnet (3rd) 4:10.26 4:10.26

Boojum (1st) 4:08.55 4:08.55

Speedwell (4th) 4:11.20 4:11.20

Admiral (6th) 4:32.20 4:32.20

Zephyr (2nd) 4:14.31 4:10.15

Lola (8th) 4:17.44 4:13.23

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WILL UPSET

"SAHARA EMPEROR'S" FORTUNE

SUBJECT OF LITIGATION

Paris.—Judgment was given in the Court of Appeal concerning the estate, estimated at 100,000,000f (£300,000), left by the eccentric M. Jacques Lebaudy, the self-styled "Emperor of the Sahara."

The American Court had awarded the fortune to a former actress named Sudreau, with whom Lebaudy lived, and to her daughters, but the French Court awarded the estate to Lebaudy's brother and sister.

The Appeal Court confirmed the judgment in the French court, and decided that the fortune should go to the brother and sister of Lebaudy, as the actress had not been married to Lebaudy, according to French law.

The sister of Lebaudy is the Comtesse de Sels.

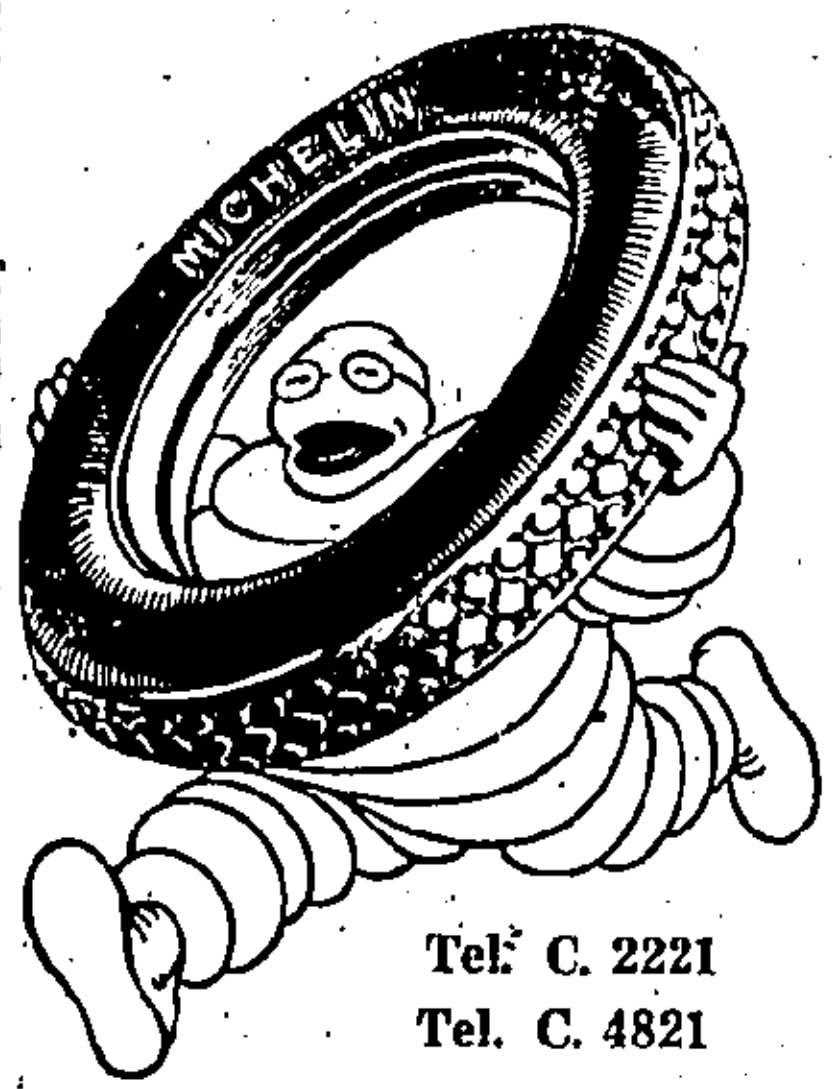
IN A CELL

PENTONVILLE DEATH MYSTERY

Sir Walter Schroder, at Pentonville Prison, adjourned for a postmortem examination the inquest on Abraham Newmark, 56, a prisoner undergoing sentence.

It was stated that Newmark, a street hawk, was apparently well when given his last meal. About midnight the sound of a fall was heard, and Newmark was found to be dead. His body was on the bed, and his feet on the floor. The warder who entered the cell said that Newmark's face was buried in the bedclothes so that he could not get air.

The late Mr. John Clement Lapack (43), of Barton House, Didsbury Park, Manchester, formerly of Kuala Lumpur, left £4,454, net personality £2,498.



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EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

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Bank, 4 months' sight	2/- 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/1 1/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/1 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand	1257 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1332 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	134 1/2
On New York—	
On demand	49 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	50 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	184 1/4
On demand	134 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	134 1/4
On demand	134 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	87
On Manila—	
On demand	98 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	106 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.55
Silver (per oz.)	26 5/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	3% prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Chinese Copper Cents	6% Prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	30 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.05
New York	4.35 13/32
Brussels	34.87 1/2
Geneva	25.16 1/2
Amsterdam	12.08
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.36
Stockholm	18.11
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.18
Vienna	34.46 1/2
Prague	163 1/4
Helsinki	192 1/4
Madrid	29.78 1/2
Lisbon	109 1/4
Athens	375
Bucharest	808 1/2
Rio	5 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	1/6 3/64
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 3/4
Silver Spot	26 5/16
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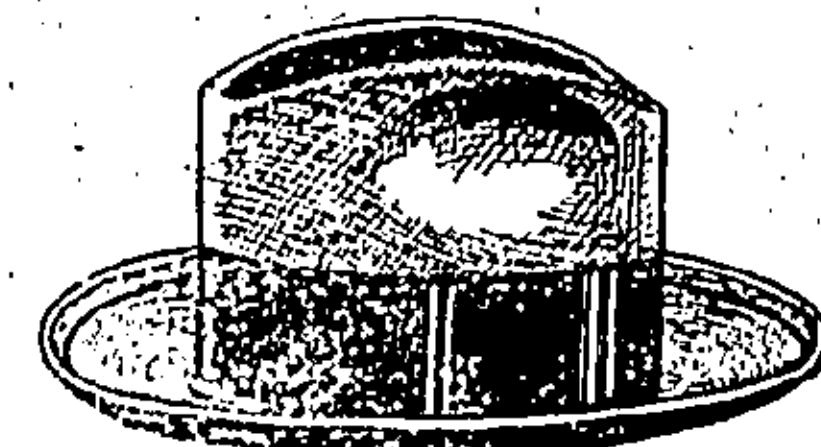
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CHINESE DRAW

SATURDAY'S SOCCER
DETAILS

KOWLOON SURPRISE

There was a big programme and fine matches in the Leagues on Saturday. The Service Clubs had a poor day, the Club, Kowloon and Police all scoring good victories. The Chinese "Derby" between the Athletic and South China resulted in a rare good match, and honours were even at the close.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Division I	
South China	Chinese Athletic 1
H.K.F.C.	Small Units 1
Kowloon	K.O.S.B. Regt. 0
Police	Navy (A) 0
R.A.	Recreio 1
Division II	
K.O.S.B. Regt.	Eastern 1
Navy (B)	Queen's Regt. 2
R.A.	Kowloon 1
South China B	St. Joseph's 0
Recreio	1st Athletic 0
R.A.F.	2 Small Units 2

SOUTH CHINA A.F.C. v.
CHINESE ATHLETIC

There was a large crowd at Caroline Hill and the result—a draw of one goal each—about represented the merits of the teams. The first half was certainly in favour of the Athletic, but South China lasted well and towards the end of the game were holding a strong winning chance.

Teams:—
South China:—Pau Ka-ping; Li Tin-sang, Lau Kau; Leung Wing-tuk, Pang Wa-hing, Leung Wing-chiu; Li Tin-choy, Pau Ka-chuen, Fung King-chung, Lau Mau, Ip Pak-wa.
Chinese Athletic:—Ip Chan-ping; Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat; Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wei, Lam Yuk-ying; Mok Pak-cheong, Lai Wai-koon, Wong Pak-cheong, Suen Kam-sung, Ip Pak-wa.

Referee: Mr. W. Holland.
Pau won the toss and played with the sun at his back and Lai Wai-koon was early dangerous. Mok, at outside right, who deputised for Tso was applauded for a clever bit of work and Pau, in clearing, was hustled heavily. South China being awarded a free kick. Fung tried to break away but the Athletic halves were dominating the game and Lai Yuk-tat and his partner were kicking very cleanly. Suen missed when well placed and a fine bit of defensive work by Li Tin-sang was warmly cheered. Lau Mau broke through and Leung put past the post with a big chance. Suen hit the crossbar with a lovely shot and the Athletic were unlucky not to be one up, but from a clashing break away by Chen, outside left, Lai Wai-koon headed cleverly past Pau two minutes from the interval and Athletic led by 1 goal in an exciting half.

Very Exciting
The Athletic kept up the pressure in the second half, until Fung broke away and the Athletic goalie, saved with South China's forwards all on the goal line. The match at this stage was very exciting and South China were gradually getting more of the game, but Suen and Chen were very dangerous on the Athletic left and Pau saved grandly from the winger when the Athletic were going strong. Following a determined attack by South China, Pau Ka-chuen tapped in South China's equaliser after good work by Lau Mau and Fung King-chung.

With the scores level both sides made desperate efforts, but the balance of play to the end was in favour of South China and Ip Pak-wa going through brilliantly was just stopped in time by Ng Kam-chuen. Time came with the scores level.

The match was a very bright one and the large crowd were well entertained. In the first half the superiority of the Athletic was clearly marked and excepting for Pau the Athletic defence was much stronger. Lai Yuk-tat and Ng Kam-chuen playing very strong games at back, Lam Yuk-ying was a great worker and Leung Yuk-tong and Wong Shui-wei gave their forwards fine support.

The Big Wing
Chen and Suen were the big wing but Lai Wai-koon and his partners played well.

South China shone in the second half, but throughout Pau kept a splendid goal and Lau Kau, left full back, played his best game for the season. Li Tin-sang had a big afternoon with Suen and Chen but played well.

Leung Wing-chiu was the pick of the halves who had a gruelling time. South China's forwards were very smart in the second half and lasted well, Ip Pak-wa and Lau Mau being the superior wing with Fung ever a dangerous centre forward.

On the run of play the Athletic had more chances but South China finished very strong and nearly snatched a victory in a fine match.

H.K. CLUB v. SMALL UNITS

Playing brightly in the first half Small Units led the Club in a fine game, but the Club managed to secure the verdict in an exciting second half.

Teams:—
Club:—Edwards; Holt, Bishop; McBride, Stewart, Watson; Alexander, Reed, Goldman, Scott, Trambitzky.
Small Units:—Penny; Dodshon, Smith; Lyons, Skinner, Groves; Jenkins, Sabin, Bashaun, Gosling, Wilson.

Referee:—Captain Austin, R.A.
Fast opening play was the order, Watson sending Goldman off the centre forward making a good effort which went just outside. Small Units came near a big chance near goal being nearly converted by Gosling, but Club relieved. Penny saved from Goldman and Reed, the Army goalie, doing well. Small Units attacked strongly and Wilson slipping the backs scored with a nice shot. Club were going strong but Dodshon and Penny were playing strong defensive work in the Small Units rear-guard. The Small Units led at the interval 1-0.

Second Half

Club were very lively from the kick off and Goldman equalised with a great shot.

The Club forwards were being well fed by Stewart and McBride and the Club were soon going strong and Small Units had to thank their backs and goalie for a great defence. Goldman scored the winning goal for the Club who retired winners by 2 goals to one. The Club deserved to win, but Small Units put up a plucky show. McBride was in grand form amongst the half backs and Holt and Bishop played soundly and with fine understanding. Scott and Goldman were the star forwards of a good line. Penny kept a fine goal for Small Units and Dodshon was the better of two good backs. Skinner was the pick of the halves and Basham and Wilson were very enterprising in the forward line.

K.O.S.B. v. KOWLOON

Kowloon greatly surprised the spectators by beating K.O.S.B. They had returned to their old form and were worthy winners. It must be admitted that the Borderers were unlucky on several occasions but the Kowloon team were quite their equal on the run of the play. Davies is quite a good addition to the Kowloon first team and played well. The Borderers seemed very unsettled and were weak in taking chances.

Teams:—
Kowloon:—Angus; Hast, Pile; Headly, McKelvie, Easterbrook; Clemo, Davies, Sperry, Mile, Baldwin.

K.O.S.B.:—McDougall, Bird, Martin, Gear, Davy, Skiggs; Torrie, Everest, Reeves, McGlinchey, Alexander.

Referee: Wt. Eng. Barber, R.N.
Kowloon Attacks
The game opened with a determined attack by the Kowloon forwards who forced a corner. In the scuffle round goal Bird conceded another corner and Baldwin shot well over.

The Borderers' forwards got away from a nice pass from Everest and Reeves shot hard but wide. The Borderers pressed hard but Hast and Pile were on form and were very hard to get past. Everest shot high and hard and Angus did well to tip it over. The Kowloon forwards then made a determined attack on the Borderers' goal, Miles passing and shooting in fine style. Some very fast and keen mid-field play was witnessed, both sides struggling hard to get away. The Kowloon forwards made another determined attack on the Borderers' goal with McDougall saving well from Miles. The Kowloon forwards continued to press hard but found the Borderers' defence very sound.

The half time whistle blew with no score, with the Kowloon team a little superior to the Borderers on the run of the play.

Half time:—
K.O.S.B. 0
Kowloon 0

The Second Half

The second half opened with a determined attack by the Borderers. Reeves shot hard and hit the cross bar with a strong shot which rebounded and was cleared by Hast. The Borderers pressed forward again and Torrie was hurt, having to leave the field for a few minutes. The Kowloon forwards broke away and Miles got through and beat the Borderers' defence. McDougall left his goal to clear but Miles evaded him and scored easily.

This aroused the Borderers, who put on extra pressure, making a determined raid on the Kowloon goal. Everest shot hard and Angus saved well. Reeves pressed hard and just headed over. Kowloon made an attack, but Clemo was off-side. The Borderers went off the field and Reeves took the ball forward and drove a smashing shot which Angus did well to clear.

No further score was added in spite of a determined attack by the Borderers, and the final whistle found Kowloon the winners. For Kowloon Hast and Pile played well in the defence, and Angus cleared strongly. Easterbrook played a good game. In the forward line Miles was easily the best. Davies played well, also Baldwin. For the Borderers, Reeves played well and was rather unlucky on two occasions. Everest and Martin were prominent in the defence. Davy played a good hard working game feeding the forward line well. Torrie was more or less a passenger during the latter half owing to his injury.

Result:—
Kowloon 1
K.O.S.B. 0

POLICE v. NAVY (A)

These teams turned out at full strength at the Valley, the Police, thanks to a great display by Clarke and Wynne subduing the strong Naval XI and maintaining their winning sequence.

Teams:—
Police:—Clarke; Wynne, Williams; Brittain, Hudson, Jessop; Growans, McGreavy, Fraser, Oram, Sheppard.

Navy (A):—Brockman; Abbott, Baker; Cope, Perks, Moss; Barkham, Evans, Firth, Mann, Bowles.

Referee:—L.S.B.A. Atkinson.
Police won the toss, Navy advancing through Bowles who crossed to Barkham and the winger put across a nice centre which Bowles put over. Moss cleared a dangerous situation for Navy, Fraser going strong and Navy broke away for Clarke to bring off a grand clearance from Evans. The play was very even the defences being splendid, Wynne playing a great game and Baker doing well for Navy. Fraser gave the Police the lead, and at this stage Navy were unlucky as much good work by Evans and Barkham was got away by masterly defence, Hudson and the backs being in great form. The Police led by 1 to nil at the interval.

Stubborn Play

Navy pressed hard on the restart and play was very stubborn. Fraser broke away but Sheppard shot over and Barkham was playing well on the Navy wing but his fine centres were not taken advantage of. The small ground greatly hampered the forwards and in a big attack on the Navy goal the Police scored, although Cope kicked away from the goal line, the ball was adjudged by the referee to have crossed. The Police held on to their lead and finished winners by 2 goals to nil.

Comment
The Police were slightly better and a goal difference about represented the superiority of the home team. Clarke and Wynne were on top of their form and Hudson played a sterling game at centre half. Fraser was the pick of a well-balanced forward line, McGreavy playing a sound and brainy game throughout. Navy were at a disadvantage by the small ground and Brockman could hardly be blamed for the goals. Baker and Cope were great in defence but Perks was not happy. Barkham and Evans made a fine wing but Mann was not up to his bright form in previous matches. The match was a good clean exhibition of football and Police just deserved the full points.

R.A. v. RECREIO
This game was twenty minutes late in commencing owing to the non-arrival of the referee. Fortunately Sergt. Toms, R.A., was on the ground and consented to take control of the match. Both teams lacked the services of their regular centre-forward.

Teams:—
R.A.:—Maltby; Excel, Oliver; Joyce, Fuller, Taylor; Jobe, Hill, Gill, Bridgeman, Wood.
Recreio:—Beltrao; Silva Netto, Xavier; Sousa, C. Remedios, Assumpcao; B. Gosano, Victor, Ward, Rocha, Brown.

The gunners started with a lively attack and Wood lost a good chance by hesitating in front of goal. Play ruled even for some time, the Recreio forwards being slightly superior to the Gunners. Excel played a grand defensive game for R.A. and showed a very clever understanding with Oliver. B. Gosano was the most dangerous forward on the field and, had this player been fed more assiduously, the game might have ended very differently. Beltrao brought off two magnificent saves in quick succession from Gill and Bridgeman.

Half time:—
Recreio 0
R.A. 0

Recreio re-opened strongly and Ward did not fail to take advantage of a beautiful pass from B. Gosano, the ball entering the net at a great pace. The Gunners retaliated and, in the sustained attack which followed, the forwards showed to good advantage, although Leach was sadly missed in the centre. Eventually Gill met an accurate centre from Jobe and beat Beltrao with a cross-shot. There was very little life

about the play in the closing stages and Recreio, in particular, proved poor stayers. With five minutes to go, clever work between Gill and Bridgeman led to the latter scoring with a shot which struck the cross-bar and dropped over the goal-line.

Result:—
R.A. 2
Recreio 1

K.O.S.B. v. EASTERN

At Sookumpoo on Saturday the Borderers found no difficulty in disposing of their opponents and won handsomely by seven goals to one. The teams were as follows:—

K.O.S.B.:—Fox; Lough, Martin; Drury, McKnight, Spelding; Hart, Hume, Barras, Stevens, Craig.

Eastern:—Ram; Ali, Fung Yui-wai; Hussain; Cheung Yue-nam, Li Him, Mohammed; Chan Yuk-cheung, Dallah, Haroon, Sabhan.

The Eastern forwards never settled down to anything approaching cohesion, Sabhan and Haroon being the only players to show to advantage. The Borderers, on the other hand, were a well-balanced side and showed plenty of initiative in attack, Barras making a very effective pivot. This player gave his side the lead early in the first half and Sabhan equalised as the result of a brilliant individual run which had the Borderers' defences completely at sea. The exchanges ruled fairly even until the interval, when Barras again gave his side the lead after Ram had made a splendid save from Craig.

Half time:—

K.O.S.B. 2
Eastern 1

Eastern fell away a lot on resuming and the Borderers proceeded to monopolise the game, Hart and Hume making a particularly nippy right wing, Sabhan again beat Lough for pace and ran on to strike the cross-bar with a terrific drive. The ball was soon back at the other end, however, and a mistake by Ali let in Barras, who completed his hat-trick with a fine first-timer. Almost straight from the kick-off Hart got away and centred to Stevens who headed neatly in. The Borderers were completely masters of the situation at this stage, and Spelding gave Craig such an easy opening that the latter had only to walk the ball into the net. A penalty to the Borderers was the next event of note and Stevens gave Ram no chance with the spot kick. Shortly before the finish Hart ran right through to score the seventh goal.

Result:—
K.O.S.B. 7
Eastern 1

NAVY v. QUEEN'S

The Navy inflicted the first defeat of the season on the Queen's in Division II of the League on Saturday. The winners played clever football throughout and completely ran the Queen's defence off their feet. The match was played at Happy Valley and the following teams lined up:—
Queen's:—Underdown; Dennis, Farrell; Gasson, Warner, McLaws; Gill, Evans, Thurlowe, Harris, Eady.

Navy:—(Roberts ("Berwick"), Willis ("Cumberland"), Carey ("Hermes"), Usher ("Hermes"), Sims ("Tanner"), Greenland ("Sepoy"), Clarke ("Titania"), Alway ("Sepoy"), Balls ("Cumberland"), Kennedy ("Berwick"), Honey ("Titania").

The game opened sensationally, Clarke running through to beat Underdown within a few seconds of the kick-off. This early success stimulated the Naval attack and their forwards were continually threatening the Queen's goal, the wide passing of the forwards keeping the Queen's defence continually on the move. A further goal was not long in materialising, Balls heading through from a corner. The Queen's defence faltered somewhat under heavy pressure and Sims added a third goal from close range. Clarke was especially prominent on the right wing and this player completely beat Farrell and scored the Navy's fourth goal. Further goals were added before the interval by Kennedy and Alway.

Half time:—
Navy 6
Queen's 0

The Queen's revived somewhat on resuming and for the first time showed prominently in attack. Harris reduced the arrears by pushing the ball through from a confusing melee. After this play was even for a time, but the Navy were the more forceful side and added to their big lead when Balls broke through in clever fashion. The Queen's put up a plucky display in the closing stages and Eady scored shortly before the final whistle.

Result:—
Navy 7
Queen's 2

R.A. RES. v. KOWLOON RES.

A very keen and even game, both sides having their fair share. Kowloon opened up the attack with a smart move forward but found the R.A. backs

very strong. Some hard and keen play was witnessed in mid-field both teams struggling to make a break away. The R.A. forwards broke away and Rodgers tested Angus but the latter cleared well.

The R.A. were now putting on hard pressure but the Kowloon backs defended well.

The Kowloon forwards got away and Moss shot well over. Both sides were evenly balanced and were working well resulting in a keen struggle for possession of the ball.

The whistle blew for half time with neither side having found the net.

After the kick off the Kowloon forwards got busy and King scored for them with a rising shot.

The R.A. lived up and pressed hard to equalise, Rodgers and Davy playing a good game. A forward movement by the R.A. enabled Rodgers to score and equalise.

Some very hard struggles took place and Angus was called upon on several occasions to defend his goal but he cleared well. The final whistle blowing with the score one all.

Final Score:—
Kowloon 1
R.A. 1

Referee:—Mr. Gilmour.

SOUTH CHINA B. v. ST. JOSEPH'S

St. Joseph's fielded a strong XI against the locals at Caroline Hill and the exchanges were very even. Both goalies did good work and Silva and Leonard came very close for St. Joseph's in the first half but there was no score at the interval.

South China improved in the second half and Rocha saved finely from Cheng. Leonard put a good one over the bar when well placed for St. Joseph's, but from a breakaway Chan Cheeming scored a nice goal for South China who kept the lead to the finish. For St. Joseph's Rocha, Silva, Omar, and Leonard were very prominent while Wong, Ip Koon, Cheng, and Chen played for South China.

RECREIO v. CHINESE ATHL.

A large crowd of Chinese turned out to see this match at King's Park and had the satisfaction of seeing the Athletic win easily. The Athletic were superior and were continually bombarding Recreio's goal. The outstanding player was Marques the Recreio's goalkeeper who played a splendid game and saved many hot shots.

Choi Ting-fung opened the score for the Athletic with a low shot which beat Marques. Recreio tried hard to get away but found the Athletics' halves very formidable. A penalty was awarded the Athletic and Li Hing-chung scored. The Athletic were superior and were continually pressing.

The half time whistle blew with the Athletic leading by two goals. The second half opened with a determined attack by the Recreio's forwards and Santos scored with a beautiful shot, putting it in well out of reach of the Athletic goalkeeper.

The Athletic put on pressure and Choi Ting-fung scored again. The Recreio tried hard to get away but were stopped by the Athletic's halves. Another attack by the Athletic resulted in Chan Woon-yin scoring. Soon after the Athletic were awarded a penalty for hands and Li Hing-chung scored.

Play was all in the Recreio's half and the final whistle blew with the Athletic easy winners.

Score:—
China Athletic 5
Club de Recreio 1

R.A.F. v. SMALL UNITS
The Small Units opened up with a determined attack on the R.A.F. goal but shot wide.

The R.A.F. then pressed hard Plunkett sending in a good shot which Watson cleared well.

The Small Units pressed hard, Spence playing a pretty game. A particularly smart move by the Small Units forwards led to Elliott opening the score with a good shot which had Jarvis well beaten.

Play was very keen and plenty of good work was seen on both sides, with the Small Units playing a bit better than the R.A.F. Spence and Twelves for the Units made a determined attack on the R.A.F. goal but Twelves shot wide. The R.A.F. then broke away and Plunkett scored a beautiful goal for the R.A.F.

Half time went with the score one all.

The second half opened with a smart move forward by the Small Units and Lavender scored, beating Jarvis with a low shot. The R.A.F. pressed hard but found Pritchard a very hard back to beat. However they moved forward and Plunkett again netted bringing the score level. Both sides pressed hard but the final whistle blew with the score level.

Result:—
Small Units 2
R.A.F. 2
Referee: C.P.O. Craig, R.N.

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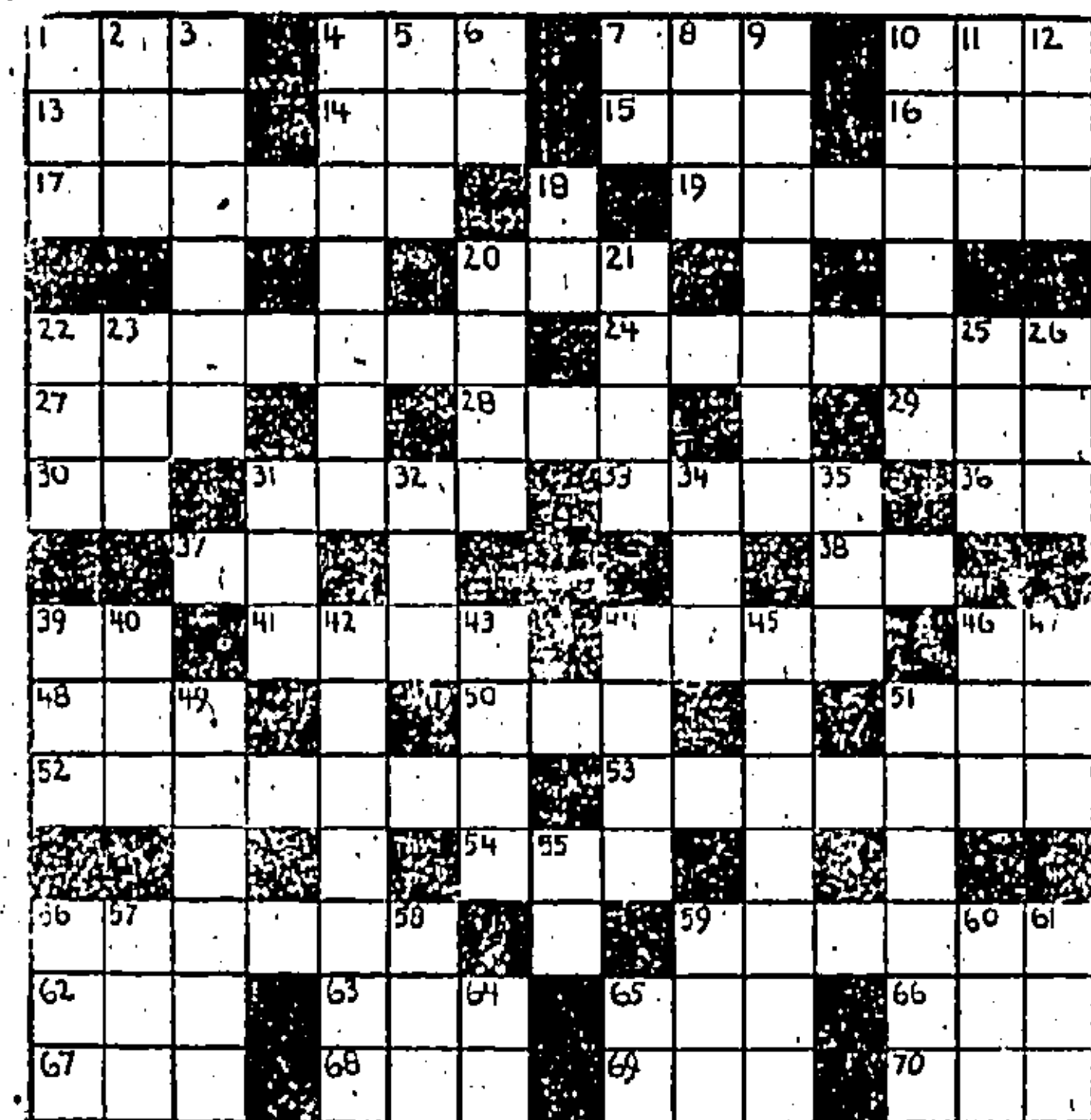
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and alto.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—A doll fellow
- 2—To taste
- 3—To recede
- 4—A kind of sailing boat
- 5—Part of verb "to be"
- 6—Highest note of Gaido's scale (abbr.)
- 7—To damage
- 8—Spanish for "river"
- 9—A foot covering
- 10—A responsive prayer
- 11—A substitute (colloq.)
- 12—A domestic
- 13—With a side glance
- 14—A song
- 15—To lubricate
- 16—Island of Caroline group, Pacific Ocean
- 17—Period of time (abbr.)
- 18—A volcano in Sicily
- 19—An unproven tradition
- 20—Island group U. S. possession (abbr.)
- 21—Conjunction
- 22—Article
- 23—Preposition
- 24—To declare positively
- 25—To pipe like a chicken
- 26—Measure of length (abbr.)
- 27—To keep close to, as a shore
- 28—Girl's name
- 29—Man's name (abbr.)
- 30—An ancient country N. W. of Rome
- 31—Symbol of Neptune
- 32—Proper
- 33—Kindly in disposition
- 34—A learned Brahmin
- 35—Repetitive old name
- 36—Man's name (familiar)
- 37—Pronoun
- 38—To place
- 39—Suff. Of the nature of
- 40—In addition
- 41—Before (adv.)
- 42—A color

VERTICAL

- 1—Exalted
- 2—A southern constellation
- 3—People of good birth
- 4—In Europe, a petty farmer
- 5—Sick
- 6—One of the continents (abbr.)
- 7—A type measure
- 8—Balance (abbr.)
- 9—The breast of an animal
- 10—Flasure
- 11—Scotch for "own"
- 12—To trifle; play
- 13—A day of the week (abbr.)
- 14—A covered colonnade (Gr. Arch.)
- 15—Anything that soothes
- 16—Cunning
- 17—A sense organ
- 18—Prefix. Upon; over
- 19—Period of time
- 20—French for "horn"
- 21—Pronoun
- 22—Article for "have"
- 23—Article
- 24—Not in
- 25—Fickle
- 26—A highway
- 27—A little pile or pastry
- 28—Spare time
- 29—Japanese monetary unit
- 30—Minute mark
- 31—Residence of a gentleman farmer
- 32—Sex
- 33—Pronoun
- 34—Oil made from clarified butter (Anglo-Ind.)
- 35—Corrode
- 36—One of the constellations
- 37—Prefix. Through
- 38—Man's name (familiar)
- 39—To dress, as hair
- 40—To belittle; cheat (slang)
- 41—Pronoun

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

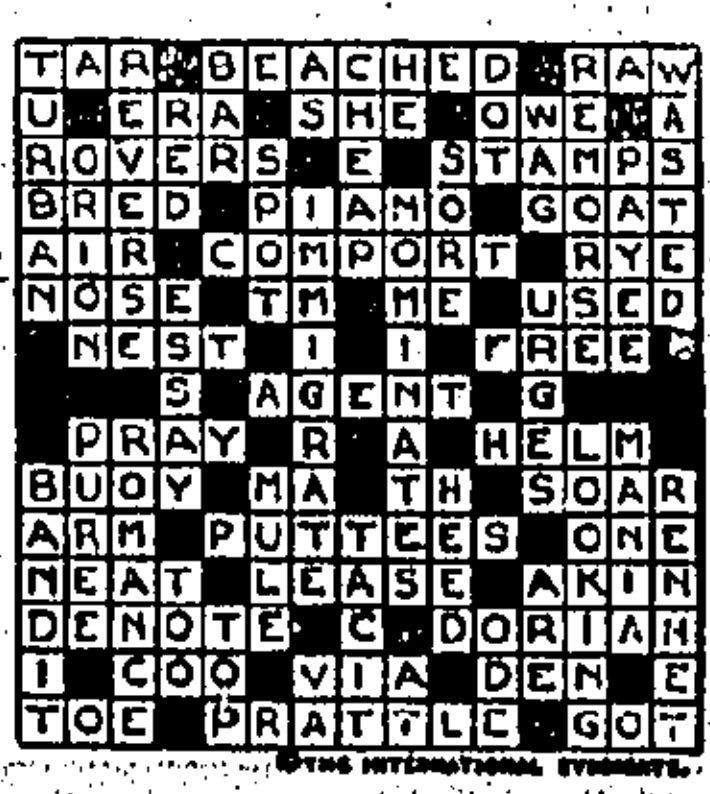
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SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



CRICKET

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Lee	12.3	3	24	7
D. J. N. Anderson	6	0	17	2
F. Zimmer	2	0	10	0
G. Lee	4	1	10	0
J. L. Youngsaye	2	0	10	0

D.B.S.

D. Anderson, b E. A. Lee	33
W. H. Kwan, b Guterres	8
F. A. Lee, b Guterres	8
Rev. W. T. Featherstone, c	0
Kermani, b Rumjahn	0
G. A. Lee, c Rumjahn, b E. A. Lee	7
R. Lee, l.b.w., b C. W. Lam	5
F. Zimmer, b Guterres	31
J. L. Youngsaye, c R. Ponsonby Fan, b Guterres	4
A. Prata, not out	13
R. Reed, st. Rumjahn, b	0
Rumjahn	0
G. Winch, c Gittins b Rumjahn	0
Extras	29

Total 125
H. Jackson, G. Kotwall did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. P. Guterres	12	7	11	4
A. A. Rumjahn	10	3	17	2
E. Lee	5	1	17	0
L. T. Ride	2	0	17	0
C. W. Lam	3	0	21	1
A. T. Lee	3	1	12	0

R.R.M.C. v. D.B.S.

Play at the School on Friday. The R.A.M.C. made 62 and the School replied with 150 for 6 wickets.

Göding, b R. Lee	0
Cottingham, c R. B. R. Lee	14
McGowan, c G. L. B. R. Lee	10
Tomkin, b and c W. H. Kwan	11
Edwards, b R. Lee	2
Lees, run out b Kwan	4
Shepherd, b W. H. Kwan	10
Shinners, not out	1
Spence, b R. Lee	3
Collins, c Reed, b Kwan	1
Rump, c and b W. H. Kwan	0
Extras	6

Total 62
J. L. Youngsaye, A. Prata, R. Reed, H. Jackson, did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Lee	8	1	19	5
D. Anderson	3	0	13	0
F. Zimmer	3	1	7	0
W. H. Kwan	5	2	9	4
G. Lee	3	0	8	0

Dioecian Boys' School
D. T. N. Anderson, retired 70
W. H. Kwan, run out 10
F. R. Zimmer, b Tomlin 17
Rev. W. T. Featherstone, b Collins 4
R. Lee, not out 25
F. K. Lee, b McGowan 4
G. A. Lee, not out 17
Extras 17

Total 150
J. L. Youngsaye, A. Prata, R. Reed, H. Jackson, did not bat.

LEAGUE TABLES

The positions in the league to date are:—

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Hong Kong C.C.	3	2	1	0	7
Kowloon C.C.	3	1	2	0	5
Craigengower C.C.	4	1	2	1	5
Royal Navy	2	1	1	0	4
Indian R.C.	3	1	1	1	4
Civil Service C.C.	3	0	2	1	2
Chinese R.C.	3	0	1	2	1
Royal Artillery	1	0	0	1	0
University	0	0	0	0	0

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Indian R.C. 2nd	8	6	1	1	19
Craigengower 2nd	7	4	1	2	13
R. E. and S.	5	4	0	1	12
Recreio	7	3	1	3	10
Kowloon C.C. 2nd	5	2	2	1	8
C.S.C.C. 2nd	6	2	1	3	7
H.K.C.C. 2nd	3	2	0	1	6
Police R.C.	7	2	0	5	6
R.A.S.C.	3	1	2	0	5
University 2nd	3	1	1	1	4
Royal Navy 2nd	4	1	2	1	4
Electric R.C.	6	0	2	4	2
R.A.O.C.	4	0	0	4	0

In the Air



Ben Lyon, the film star, who "goes up" nearly every day in a plane.

YACHTING

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GERMANS' ROWING SUCCESS

In conjunction with Saturday's Championship race, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held an interesting rowing regatta, in which international crews drawn from members of the Club completed.

There were three rowing events, namely, international fours, international pairs, and scratch fours.

The first rowing event was the international fours race, over a mile course. Three crews turned out for this race as follows:—

German.—H. Dayhle (stroke), R. Schmidt (No. 3), W. Sporleder (No. 2), G. Hansen (bow), E. W. Schramm (cox).	5
English.—L. F. Nicholson (stroke), A. H. Chambers (No. 3), J. Kendrew (No. 2), W. R. Andrews (bow), F. Lenfesty (cox).	13
Scottish.—J. D. H. Crawford (stroke), H. Forsyth (No. 3), W. E. Lekie (No. 2), G. G. Stopani-Thomson (bow), A. Murdoch (cox).	29

A Good Start
It was a good start, but the Scottish crew were almost immediately left on account of a slow stroke.

The race was a ding-dong affair between the Germans and the English all the way. When passing the power house, both shells were going abreast. Then the Germans spurred. The English were unable to keep up to their rivals and lost the race by one length. The Scottish crew were three lengths behind the English.

The German crew which had taken its training very seriously fully earned their win, whilst the English crew, which had had the least training, did very well to give the Germans such a tough tussle and beat the Scottish crew.

There is good material in both the English and Scottish crews, and with a little more regular attendance at practice rows, they ought to be able to wack the Germans.

The crews for the international pairs were:—

German.—H. Dayhle (stroke), R. Schmidt (bow), E. W. Schramm (cox).	5
Scottish.—J. D. H. Crawford (stroke), H. Forsyth (bow), A. Murdoch (cox).	13

The distance in this race was three-quarters-of-a-mile. From a good start, the shells kept together for the best part of the course. There was never any daylight between the two shells as they shot along at a brisk pace. Passing the power house, the shells were practically level. Then the Germans showed that combination and careful regular training were important factors towards winning a race. They had just that little bit left in them which the Scots lacked, and spurring at the right moment, with the Scots unable to reply to the challenge, the Germans shot ahead and won a good race by two lengths.

Scratch Fours.

The scratch fours was over half-a-mile, and three crews faced the starters as follows:—
No. 1 Crew.—W. Sporleder (stroke), R. Schmidt (No. 3), L. F. Nicholson (No. 2), G. Hansen (bow), A. Murdoch (cox).
No. 2 Crew.—J. H. Kendrew (stroke), H. Dayhle (No. 3), J. D. Crawford (No. 2), G. G. Stopani-Thomson (bow), E. W. Schramm (cox).
No. 3 Crew.—A. W. Purvis (stroke), J. R. L. Stanton (No. 3), W. R. Andrews (No. 2), A. H. Chambers (bow), A. N. Other (cox).

These three crews were well matched, and a very even race resulted. They kept together all the way, and were practically abreast. The No. 1 Crew spurred, followed closely by the others, when passing the power house. Within the next few yards, the No. 1 Crew had drawn half a boat's length away from the others. Then No. 3 suddenly fell slightly back. Although they picked up their strokes almost immediately, the No. 2 Crew were able to gain half a boat's length from them.

Strain and pull as they would, neither the No. 2 nor the No. 3 Crew could make up the lost "ground" and the race finished with No. 1 first, No. 2 second, and No. 3 third. The distances between first and second, and second and third were not more than half a boat's length.

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Tai-mo-shan	8122
Mainland.	Feet.
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1871

STEEPLECHASES

(Continued from Page 8.)

In a field of eight, Dumbell was made favourite even though it was his second race. He justified the confidence reposed in him by winning by a distance and giving Mr. Shillington his second victory of the afternoon.

Dumbell led practically from start to finish, ever widening the gap between himself and the others.

Borderer (Mr. Clark) was second until he tumbled three fences from the winning post. As You Like It was then third and he finished an easy second.

Of the remainder, May was brought out of the rack by Mr. Charles to get third prize. Next were Caesar (close up), Honyymoon and Strathorne, in the order mentioned.

The dividend on Dumbell was the smallest of the day.

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Judges: Mr. C. Gordon Mackie; Mr. F. Sutton.

Starter: Mr. W. D. Fiddes Wilson.

Handicapper: Mr. C. M. S. Alves, in charge of Paddock: Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

In charge of Scales: Mr. F. Sutton.

Part-Mutuel: Mr. E. M. Hazeland.

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Passengers arriving in Shanghai last week by the "President Pierce" included Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hewitt, Mr. Hewitt is technical expert to the Chinese Government Mint. Other passengers were Commander J. A. Biello, U.S.N., who goes as medical officer to the American Legation Guard in Peking; Mr. Hugo H. Miller, the representative of a New York house of publishers; Mr. E. S. J. Phillips, a New York architect who is on a business trip here; and Mr. S. Herzberg of the Apollo Theatre, who is returning from California.

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Straits	MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Suisang	
Amoy	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.	
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Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.	
(London, 3rd-6th Dec.)	St. Albans	
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
Sam Shui and Wuchow	MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 14th Jan., 1929. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Kong So	4 p.m.
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Letters 6 p.m.	DECEMBER 25.	
Hohow and Halphong	Borneo	8.30 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.	
Japan	Hatching	9 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Suisang	9 a.m.
Hohow	Yunnan	9 a.m.
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	Tjisaroca	9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.	
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels 10.30 a.m. Letters 11.30 a.m.	Deli Maru	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	TALAMBA	
	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 12th Jan., 1929. Parcels Noon, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	St. Albans	
	Hai Ning	2 p.m.

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BOY AND GIRL LOVE ROMANCE

ENDS IN MURDER

MOTHER SHOT ACROSS BABY'S CRADLE

VERDICT HISSED

Paris.
How a young man shot and killed his putative wife across their baby's cradle and then shot and wounded himself was described in a remarkable murder trial at Rennes.

The story which ended so tragically began as a romance between a rich landowner's daughter, Eugenie Enger, of Combourg, in Brittany, and a butcher's boy named Valentin Fontaine. Both were aged 15 when they became infatuated with each other. Eugenie wished to marry Valentin, who called at the Chateau for orders, so her infuriated father sent her back to her convent school at Chartres.

Valentin followed and obtained employment with the butcher supplying the convent. He managed to communicate with Eugenie, whom he told he was returning to Combourg to marry another girl by Civil Law, merely to lull her father's suspicions, persuading her that only a religious marriage was lawful.

Penal Servitude
Valentin, who was then aged 20, actually did this, and Eugenie's father recalled her home.

A few weeks later Valentin's "civil" wife called at the Chateau, and she was a school-friend of Eugenie, and obtained her father's permission to take Eugenie for a motor drive.

Fontaine awaited them at a village in the Pyrenees and married Eugenie in the church there.

The enraged father took proceedings for abduction, but the case was dismissed and Valentin was released from prison at St. Malo.

The father, meanwhile, learning that Eugenie was enceinte, persuaded her to leave the butcher and return home.

Valentin broke into the house, where the girl was segregated for safety by her father, and found her nursing a fortnight-old baby. When she refused to return to live with him he shot her dead across the cradle. He then shot himself, but not fatally.

The jury returned a verdict that, while the crime was premeditated, there were extenuating circumstances. The verdict was hissed in court.

Valentin was sentenced to penal servitude for life.

DISBANDMENT

SCHEME FOR CUTTING DOWN CHINA'S ARMY

Nanking, Saturday.
The National Military Reorganisation and Disbandment Conference is opening on Dec. 26.

General Li Tsung-jen (commander-in-Chief at Hankow) and Marshal Li Chai-sum (Commander-in-Chief at Canton)—who are both leaders of the Kwangsi military faction—are going to Nanking to attend it.

General Chang Hsueh-liang of Manchuria is sending a representative.

General Ho Ying-ching, Inspector General of Military Training (a supporter of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek), states the conference is an attempt to determine the division of the country into a number of garrison areas and to work out a detailed scheme of gradual disbandment.

The repatriation of surplus troops, it is pointed out, will reduce the army from 1,600,000 to 500,000, and will necessitate the expenditure of \$30,000,000.

The Nationalists plan to limit the total Military, Naval and Aviation expenditure to \$180,000,000 annually.—Reuter.

"DONE!"

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful possession of two tins of illicit opium. Revenue Officer Ward, who had charge of the case, informed the Magistrate that the accused had been "double-crossed." He had apparently bought the opium from someone else and was "done" by the seller, as the analyst's report stated that the contents of the two tins found on the accused were molasses. Accused was discharged.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

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London, Yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Cosmo Lang) is "suffering from an attack of internal inflammation which will necessitate his remaining in bed for some days."

This statement was issued after a consultation with Sir Hugh Rigby and the Archbishop of Canterbury's own doctor this afternoon.—Reuter.

ENGINE O'NEILL

DISCOVERED AT LAST IN MANILA

ADMITS IDENTITY

Manila, Dec. 19.

The well-known American playwright Eugene O'Neill, author of "Emperor Jones," "Anna Christie," "Desire under the Elms" and other well-known plays, has arrived here on the German str. "Coblentz." He is travelling under the name of the Reverend William O'Brien. Eugene O'Neill was a recent visitor to Shanghai, where he had a nervous breakdown as the result of over-work and an attack of bronchitis. He was accompanied by a secretary, Mrs. Tuwe Drew, who stated she was a Swedish masseuse and graduate physician and had been travelling with Mr. O'Neill since he left Europe for the Far East. Mrs. Drew's daughter is travelling with her.

Mr. O'Neill was under the care of a well-known medical practitioner in Shanghai when he suddenly disappeared a week ago leaving behind him a letter in which he stated that he came to China seeking peace and quiet and "hoping that here, at least, people would mind their own business and allow me to mind mine, but I've found more snoops and gossips to the square inch than there are in any New England town of a thousand inhabitants. I am going to Honolulu and then, perhaps, to Tahiti if Honolulu adopts the same attitude as Shanghai that I'm a politician whose life must be public. At any rate I'll find peace and solitude to work in if I have to go to the South Pole."

Interviewed by Reuter's correspondent, Eugene O'Neill admitted his identity. He denied that "there was a woman in the case."

Eugene O'Neill has been positively identified through his passport, No. 491,350, and by his signature as well as his personal effects, such as correspondence and notebooks bearing his name.—Reuter.

REPARATIONS

AMERICAN EXPERT MAY PARTICIPATE

Washington, Saturday.

It is expected the British Ambassador will shortly approach the United States Government on the question of the participation of American experts in the work of a committee to study the German reparations problem. Although no formal invitation has yet been received, it is understood that Pres. Coolidge would be sympathetic thereto.

Pres. Coolidge feels the matter is one, almost entirely, involving Europe and should be settled by the European nations, but does not wish the United States to shirk its duty.

Pres. Coolidge is of the opinion that a study should be made by the representatives who should be left free by the governments to exercise their own judgment as regards the amounts payable.—Reuter's American Service.

INDIA & HOME RULE

Calcutta, Yesterday.
The All-Parties Convention has adopted without opposition a resolution in favour of India's constitutional position being that of a self-governing dominion with a status like Australia and South Africa.—Reuter.

MORE ABOUT COL. LAWRENCE

OF ARABIAN FAME

SAID TO BE AN ARMY CLERK IN WAZIRISTAN

MANY TALES

Bombay, Dec. 5.

Colonel Lawrence of Arabia is evidently moving about very freely in India; at least that is the opinion of a section of the Indian Press.

Getting tired of life in England, Colonel Lawrence came to India and quietly joined the Royal Air Force at Karachi.

He was heard of in Lahore, when he was reported to be busy tracking Bolsheviks in the Punjab. The news was promptly contradicted by his secretaries in London, but his personality still haunts the reporters of the "Yellow" Press at Lahore.

He came into the limelight again on the day of Mr. Lala Lajpat Rai's funeral, when he was mobbed because it was alleged that he intended to throw bombs. He was rescued, but lost some Rs. 5,000.

Now An Army Clerk
Now all of a sudden, he has transported himself to Tochi. According to the local newspapers, Colonel Lawrence, under the assumed name of Shaw, is leading an obscure life as an Army clerk at Miranshaw, in the Tochi Agency.

A correspondent who interviewed the alleged Colonel Lawrence, says that the Colonel declared he was tired of public life, and wished to lead a quiet and obscure life in the barren hills of Tochi, in Waziristan.

He is reported to be busy learning Pushtu, from which the correspondent infers that he intends to shift to Afghanistan.

THE NEW TREATIES

VIEWS ON CHINA'S TARIFF RATES

"LETTER AND SPIRIT"

London, Saturday.

A blessing has been given to the Anglo-Chinese treaty in a "Times" leader acclaiming the signature as a vindication of the policy which Britain has consistently pursued since the Washington Conference.

It says that compared with the tariff rates of many European countries the new duties may be regarded as fairly modest.

It rejoices in China's pledge to abolish jikin, the fulfilment of which is an essential part of the Agreement, which should immensely assist the present regime and consolidate their authority.

Alluding to the fact that Japan has hitherto not concluded a treaty with China the newspaper states that separate action by Britain proves that while desirous of adhering as closely as possible to the letter and spirit of the recent undertaking in favour of diplomatic collaboration, Britain does not allow its policy thereby to be sterilised.

American Views

New York, Saturday.
Britain's formal recognition of the Chinese Nationalist Government is regarded here as in the nature of a triumph for British diplomacy. The New York "Times" points out that "the long view has prevailed," and both the "Times" and the "World" applaud the "fact that the latest move on the part of the British Foreign Office, has apparently ruled out any question of the revival of the Anglo-Japanese alliance."

Exchange of Salutes

Hankow, Saturday.
Rear Admiral H. J. Tweedie, C.B. (Senior Naval Officer, Yangtze), arrived here this morning in H.M.S. "Bea," the flagship.

Shortly before noon the booming of guns from a Chinese gunboat and the "Bea" and the interchanging of salutes announced locally Great Britain's official recognition of the Nationalists.

The French Treaty

Shanghai, Saturday.
The new Sino-French Tariff Treaty was signed at Shanghai this evening. The terms were not divulged.

M. Martel, the French Minister, is leaving for Nanking to-morrow by gunboat and thence to Peking by train.—Reuter.

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